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Tunnel safety measures approved

Eurostar to start running again today

By Jonathan Prynn, transport correspondent

PASSENGER trains through the Channel Tunnel will restart today, 15 days after fire forced Eurotunnel to suspend all services.

A close-to-normal Eurostar service between London Waterioo and Paris and Brussels will resume this morning, and Le Shuttle car trains will operate a restricted timetable from Tuesday. But freight services of the kind involved in last month's fire remain suspended, pending further investigation by the French authorities.

The Anglo-French Channel Tunnel Safety Authority said last night that it was satisfied with extra safety precautions proposed by Eurotunnel while it repaired the damaged south tunnel. The authority said it had obtained necessary information, explanation and assurances. "It is now satisfied equipment is available and that revised operating and emergency procedures are in place. The authority has advised the intergovernmental commission that it raises no objection on safety ground to the restarting of these ser-

vices," a statement said. The first Eurostar train is due to run out of Waterloo bound for Paris at 5.50 this morning with a further II rvices to Paris and seven to Brussels during the day. From tomorrow there will be 13 trains to Paris and seven to Brussels daily, only one fewer of the pre-fire schedule. The journey will take about half an hour longer than normal, but services will stick as close as

timetable.

A company spokesman said: "We are delighted to be able to restart services. We are glad the safety authorities appear to have done such a thorough job.

"We don't expect to have that many people on the 5.50 train as it will take some time that the service is back. But we expect by the time the 7.53 sets off from Waterloo to Paris that we shall have a lot of passengers and that business will be pretty brisk after that."

The Le Shuttle service starting next week will be about two-thirds of the normal

The breakthrough came after lengthy talks in London. Paris and Calais between members of the safety authority. British and French government officials and senior Eurotunnel executives.

Eddie Ryder, the head of the British delegation to the safety authority, said that Euro-tunnel would be allowed to run six trains through the tunnel in each direction every hour while the repairs, which are expected to take six months to complete, were being carried out.

Eurotunnel carried out a full practice evacuation of a Eurostar train in the tunnel over the weekend to help to persuade the authority that it was safe, even with a five mile section out of action. It had also had to test all of its safety equipment in the tunnel, including the smoke detectors, smoke proof cross-passage doors between the tunnels, power supplies and radio and telephone links.

While the middle section of the south tunnel is out of action, Eurotunnel will have to keep manned trains on "hot stand-by" at both entrances to act as emergency evacuation vehicles in case of another fire. Mr Ryder said that he was wholly satisfied that passengers would be able to escape safely through the "perma-nent lifeboat" of the service tunnel if there were a second blaze. The important thing to remember is that there is a safe haven within very close reach at all times," he said. "Passengers can be got into the safe haven of the service

However, MPs expressed concern about the rapid re-opening of the tunnel and Labour's Gwynneth Dunwoody said she would try to raise the matter under emercedures. Roger Gale, the Conservative MP for Thanet North, who has been a longstanding critic of tunnel safety. said that he had "considerable

lingering anxieties".

The total bill for the repairs to the tunnel, the cost of the freight train destroyed in the fire, and loss of revenue during the closure is expected to reach £80 million. However. Eurotunnel said that the company was covered by insur-ance for all but about £7 million of the losses.

☐ Eurostar is to honour all valid free ticket applications made under the recent Times offer until August 31, 1997.



Rescue workers evacuating victims of last night's terrorist bombing of a Paris underground train

Paris train bombing kills two

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

A POWERFUL bomb tore through a crowded underground train in central Paris last night, killing two people and injuring dozens in a sudden resumption of terrorist violence by Algerian Islamic

Within two hours, President Chirac gave a live televised address condemning what he said was without doubt, an act of barbarous terrorism".

Alain Juppé, the Prime Minister, rushed to the scene and said the blast was caused by an explosive device in the second carriage of a train at

Port Royal RER station. Police said the 30 lb bomb was made with a gas canister - the trademark device, packed with nails, nuts and bolts. used by the terrorists in last year's bombing campaign. Then, eight people died in a

series of subway blasts. Jean-Louis Debre, the Interior Minister, put into full force "Operation Vigipirate", which has been in place for 15 months but was relaxed recently in the belief that the

terrorist risk had diminished. Two people died instantly, according to radio reports. Three of the injured were described as being in a "lifethreatening" condition. President Chirac broke off a meeting with Helmut Kohl. the German Chancellor, to issue a pledge to hunt down

the hombers. My first thoughts go to the victims, their families and the injured," he said. There was no immediate claim of responsibility. Train stations and airports were put on high security alert. Under the Vigipirate plan, potential

terrorist targets will be placed under 24-hour guard. Algerian extremists accuse

the French Government of

backing the regime of President Zeroual, who came to power after the cancellation of elections which Islamicists were poised to win.

The explosion came just five days after a referendum in Algeria, changing the consti-tution by banning Islamic parties and extending the powers of the military-backed regime. The Armed Islamic Group (GIA), the most militant of the groups fighting to institute Islamic rule, threatened to kill anyone voting in favour of the new constitution. but it was approved by an overwhelming majority.

Major is not for turning on euro strategy

By PHILLP WERSTER POLITICAL EDITOR

JOHN MAJOR and Michael Heseltine joined forces yesterday to crush the hopes of the Tory Right that the Conservatives could go into the general election on a pledge to keep Britain out of the European

single currency.
The Prime Minister dismayed Euro-sceptics by ruling out a change in the wait-andsee policy in the present Parliament and, for the first time, in the election campaign itself. The hardening of Mr Major's opposition to a U-turn came after two days of intense speculation that he might be about to shift and to launch a backstairs campaign to per-suade Kenneth Clarke, the Cabinet's foremost European, to go along with him.

The opposite has happened. A fierce response by the Chancellor on Monday to any idea of a retreat strengthened the Westminster opinion that he would resign if the policy changed. By last night, the policy of keeping open options on the single currency appeared to be set in stone, much irmer than it had been on

Monday morning.
In the behind-the-scenes ministerial power struggle over Europe, the sceptics had been vanquished. The Right were last night furious with Mr Major, alleging that he had given in to the Clarke-Heseltine axis and prevented the party adopting an electoral policy that would have set the Tories apart from Labour.

Mr Major's declaration that the policy would not change came in reply to Tony Blair, the Labour leader, in the Commons. It was received in silence by the Tories and cheered by Labour MPs.

"This has been a bad day." a ministerial aide said last Continued on page 2. coi 6

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England struggle

England, fielding their intended Test side, struggled to 175 for nine on the opening day of their match against Mashonaland in Harare Robert Croft was top scorer with 66 not out Page 48



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Frozen lake in crater may help man to live on Moon

By Nigel Hawkes and Quentin Letts

A FROZEN lake found deep inside a crater on the dark side of the Moon has greatly increased the chances that man may be able to live there until now the Moon has

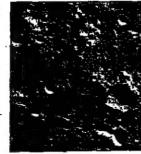
been thought to be bone dry. But yesterday American scientists involved with the Clementine satellite which orbited the Moon in 1994 said it had found evidence that ice exists in a deep crater near the

hunar south pole.

Examination of radar signals bounced off the hunar surface by Clementine has convinced the team that material at the bottom of a crater nearly eight miles deep is frozen water. The guess is that the water was carried there by a comet which crashed into the Moon 3.6 billion years ago,

creating the South Pole-Aitken crater. Because the south side of the Moon is always dark, the temperature in the crater is minus 230C, preventing the ice from escaping. The ice lake is estimated to be 25 feet deep and 200 yards wide.

It is thought likely that other patches of ice exist on the unexplored dark side of the Moon. The Clementine satel-



A lunar image from the Clementine satellite

lite was a low-cost mission launched by scientists from the Ballistic Missile Defence Organisation and the US Naval Research Laboratory. After going into orbit around the Moon it sent back data for several months. Detailed maps of the southern half of

the Moon taken by Clement-ine were published later in the journal Science. Scientists involved have hinted several times since then that some of the data gave evidence of water, but have had difficulty convincing others. If they are right, colonising the Moon or using

more realistic possibility. Anthony Cook, of the Griffith Observatory in Los Angeles, said: "With water there, you could grow plants, grow food, make fuel, make your

it as a way-station for more

distant space exploration is a

Doctors swamped in meningitis alert

By JEREMY LAURANCE AND DAVID CHARTER

WORRIED students besieged doctors to seek advice about meningitis yesterday as the deaths of two more undergraduates were reported. Twelve cases of meningitis

have been reported at universities across the country in the past two weeks, and four of the patients have died. Campuses affected have offered mass vaccinations, but even colleges where there have been no cases are reporting increased anxiety among students.

Dr Paul Coathup at the University of East Anglia in Norwich said that patient numbers had gone up by almost a third since the meningitis cluster at Cardiff was reported: "We are in the middle of the flu season, and no sooner does meningitis hit the headlines than everyone thinks that when they get flu they have got meningitis."

The university health service in Norwich was preparing to print thousands of information leaflets, while Southampton University has programmed computer terminals to display information about meningitis when users log on. Bath University medical centre was also said to be very busy reassuring students who played in sports teams in Cardiff over the weekend.

Two students at the University of Wales have died of meninginis and a further three cases have been confirmed there. The other students to die were at Bradford University and at Brighton College of Technology. Public health officials were considering whether to vaccinate the 18,000 students at Brighton, but immunisation was not being offered at Bradford as Continued on page 2, col 4



Accounting for others brings a reward of £200,000 a year

BY JON ASHWORTH AND ROBERT BRUCE

THE accountancy firm, Ernst & Young, has disclosed that its 412 partners earn an average of £200,000 each a year, making them among the top earners in Britain. The figures were outlined in its first published report and accounts. The exercise, part of a drive towards

greater openness in the profession.

revealed that since 1993 the firm's

partners earned a minimum of

E170,000 a year. Of 25,6 million taxpayers in Britain, only 25,000 earn £200,000 or more: they include accountants, lawyers, directors of privatised utilities, rock stars and self-made millionaires.

Ernst & Young is only the second of the Big Six accountancy firms to publish its annual report and accounts. KPMG, another of the Big Six, set the trend earlier this year.

end-June, which was less than anticipared. In 1995 Colin Sharman, senior partner of KPMG, carned £740,000. The point was not lost on Mr Land, who said: "I'm a pauper compared to Mr Sharman." He added: "The decision to publish

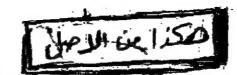
was part of a move to become more open. It was somewhat hypocritical to talk to our people about transparency and not talk about the financial Yesterday's publication showed that Nick Land, senior partner of Ernst & Young, earned \$427,000 in the year to

Ernst & Young's accounts also showed that its fee income for the year

publishing full accounts this year.

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Fire, alarums and expulsions drown out shock of a straight answer

HE who laughs last laughs longest. John Major scored an apparent direct hit on Tony Blair at Prime Minister's Questions yesterday. He of-fered the Labour leader precisely the undertaking he

asked for. This left a startled Blair floundering, for he had not thought Major dare risk it and was unprepared to respond. Major's pledge was (Blair had supposed) too dangerous to volunteer. In this supposition, Mr Blair may eventually be

It was a day for the unex-

ster that morning had been greeted by the whole panoply of the London Fire Brigade blocking Whitehall. HM Trea-

sury was apparently on fire. Later the Chancellor of the Exchequer arrived at the dispatch box, if not actually singed, apologising for inade-quacies in his Statement. which, because of the fire, he had had to pen himself at

Ministers writing their own speeches! What is Britain coming to? Which had perished in the blaze: Clarke's speech or explain.

The reign of chaos continued into Prime Minister's

Ouestions. After months of putting down questions to the PM. Matthew Banks, the Tory MP for Southport, may have thought the possibility of actually being called was only a distant dream. When it occurred yesterday it turned into

Halfway through his mkingly helpful question to Mr Major, no doubt rehearsed on the train all the



way from Preston, mayhem broke out in the Strangers'

A protesting group (we never advertise their names) hung a banner over the balcony and began screaming. Burly attendants struggled to prise them from the balustrade which they gripped like chimpan-

MPs gawped up from be-

low, only Mr Major staring at his shoes. Finally, the attendants, who outnumbered the protesters, succeeded and made their exit, bearing their wriggling captives aloft.

At this point a section of the Strangers broke into applause for the rapid and muscular performance of the attendants. The instinct of the English is to support the forces of authority

Not so the Welsh - or not Plaid Cymru's Cynog Dafis (Ceredigion & Pembroke N). anyway. He began a one-man display of solidarity with the

I had hoped that the Strangers might now divide into supporters of the attendants (cheer-led by the Home Secretary) and supporters of the protesters (cheer-led by Mr Datis), and begin fighting among themselves; but Madam Speaker forestalled this, ordering Datis to leave the

struggle and she did not have to carry him, though (a small man) he would have been no match for Miss Boothroyd and the press would have enjoyed a light.

In the memories of many observers, the morning's fire and the afternoon's riot: will overshadow the small exchange between the Prime Minister and the Lender of the Opposition which came between them; but it may prove of more lasting significance

Mr Blair challenged Mr only time will tell.

ry clears Cotswolc single currency open right up until the election "remains unequivocally the position of

the Government". That remains unequivocally the position of the Govern-ment," Major said, with chilling calm

Stunned, Mr Blair never recovered his composure, and, after a second question, gave up his third. Whether Mr Blair was stuaned by the PM's boldness,

Firms face big fine for each illegal worker

By RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

EMPLOYERS face fines of up to £5,000 for each illegal worker they hire under new laws being introduced next month to deal with bogus asylum seekers and

Seventeen million workers a year will be liable to produce official documents, including a former payslip, passport or birth certificate as part of the

The law, which aims to curb illegal employment, particu-larly casual labour, will cost British industry an estimated one-off sum of £19.8 million to bring into operation plus a further Ell.6 million a year. Industries relying on contract or casual labour, such as catering, farming, construction, food processing and cleaning, are likely to be hit hardest by the measure.

Under the law employers could be fined a maximum of £5,000 for each illegal person they hire, though the Govern-ment has decided not to introduce jail sentences even for the most persistent culprits.

. Ann Widdecombe, a Home Office Minister, said the law would be operated with a "light touch" but she warned employers who deliberately workers that they would be hit

She highlighted a rise from fewer than 4,000 in 1988 to 10,000 in 1995 in the number of people identified as working illegally in Brtian. "Easy access to jobs has made the UK a magnet for illegal immigrants. This new penalty will help stop people working here illegally and taking jobs from people with a legal right to work."

Miss Widdecombe said the employers were not expected to act as immigration officers or to be able to detect forced documents. She said that if a potential employee refused to employer would be under no legal obligation to inform the authorities. "We would be grateful if they did," she

The new criminal offence of employing someone who does not have permission to be in or to work in this country takes effect on January 27. It does

not act retrospectively. Although employers do not have to make the checks on potential employees documents, guidance being sent to 1.1 million firms warns them that if they are not made, there is no statutory or absolute defence to the criminal charge.

The guidance also warns companies that they are likely to be breaking the Race Rela-tions Act if they attempt to avoide prosecution by refusing to consider for a job anyone who looks or sounds

Jack Straw, the Shadow Home Secretary, warned that the checks would harm race relations, place further bur-dens on business and prove ineffective in tackling illegal

He said that because of the lack of security on the issue of birth certificates and National Insurance documents, emloyee checks would be unlikely to prove effective. in stopping people working ille-gally. He added: They will almost certainly be effective in limiting further the employment prospects of black and Asian people and damage race relations.

A spokesman for the CBI declined to comment on the



Blaze brings Treasury to halt.

BY RUSSELL BENKINS AND MARCUS BINNEY

among 1,000 civil servants and officials evacuated to safety from their Whitehall offices yesterday as more than 30 firefighters tackled a blaze in a basement room of the Treasury building.

For a time officials at Eng-lish Heritage feared a Windsor Castle-style blaze but Edwardian fireproof construction proved its worth and the fire service was able to damp down the fire within three-quarters of an hour. William Waldegrave, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, Angela Knight, Economic Minister, joined the stream of people responding to the

alarm at 10.11am. Firefighters wearing breathing apparatus traced the source of the blaze to an electrical junction box under rooms occupied by the Office of National Statistics. It was swiftly extinguished. However, smoke had spread up the lift shafts and along corridors causing some damage to the Grade II listed building but no Treasury documents or

papers are thought to have

been destroyed.

There were concerns over possible contamination when had been used to shield the wiring. It was later established that there was no leak of asbestos material.

The emergency meant that much of government came to a standstill for two hours and upset Treasury preparations for the last parliamentary debate on the Budget in the afternoon. Undeterred, Mrs Knight rounded up her private office officials and senior civil servants for an impromp-tu meeting in a Methodist hall

Major and Heseltine join forces on EMU

Continued from page I night. John Major has been kidnapped by Clarke and Heschine. They are yester-day's men fighting yesterday's battles.

Right-wing MPs promised to carry on trying to change policy; but sceptical pre-election statements from Mr Ma jor about the likelihood of Britain going into a moretary union during the next Parlia-ment appeared to be the most they could realistically hope

The renewed bout of Eurofever in the Tory party came after it was reported on Mon-day that Mr Major had decid-ed to try to change the policy. The source of the reports is unknown but the finger of suspicion at Westminster last night was being pointed at a Euro-sceptic Cabinet minister. Mr Major said in London yesterday they deserved "the Booker Prize for fiction".

In spite of Mr Clarke's and Downing Street's denials, speculation persisted until Mr Heseltine went on The World at One on Radio 4 yesterday and gave the most categorical statement so far by a Cabinet minister that the policy re-mains unaltered. The Government would not make any decision until all the negotiations were over and "the ink is

iry on the paper". That was not due until next June at the earliest - after the election. We are not going to change our position in the election campaign or this Par-liament," he said.

Later in the Commons Mr asked whether Mr Major stood by the April 5 position that options would be kept open at the election. Mr Major replied that that "remains unequivocally the position of the Government".

Labour officials were delighted by yesterday's exchanges. And one Euro-sceptic observed: "The Cabinet has been teetering on the brink of changing the policy. This will

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Clause falls thanks to absent Hon Friends

The Government suffered an embarrassing defeat yesterday when a key classe of its education Bill, which allows grant-maintained schools to expand by 50 per cent, was voted down by Labour in committee. Labour managed to inflict the 98 defeat because two members of the Tory dominated tice were absent - one trying to find the other.

John Marshall left the committee room to go down to thank Norma Major for attending the launch of a new charity for youngsters with learning difficulties which he was hosting. When it became clear that a vote was looming. Anthony Coombs, a junior whip, ran out to fetch him. The Government will try to reinsert the lost clause at the final report stage. Bill. The defeat was the second in 24 hours. On Monday the Government was defeated in the Lords over a clause in the Police Bill.

Teenager found safe

A teenager who went missing for more than 48 hours was reunited with her parents yesterday. Sarah Ayley, 15, disappeared from her home in Downham Market, Norfolk. early on Saturday evening. She turned up at a nearby farmhouse at about 5am yesterday, after apparently living rough in outlying barns and woods for two days. It is thought she was worried about her mock GCSEs.

Child labour inquiry

Littlewoods has launched an inquiry into the source of some of its goods after police in Bangkok issued a warrant for the arrest of a businessman accused of exploiting child labour. Adam Lisowski, an Austrian national, runs a number of companies which provide clothes for Littlewoods and other stores. Former workers at his companies claimed last month that they had been replaced by children.

NHS staff fatigued

More than one in four NHS workers is suffering from fatigue, according to a survey of 12,000 staff. Women doctors and managers experience the worst mental pressure while nurses and auxiliaries are more prone to physical expaustion. The Psychological Therapies Research Centre at Leeds University found that 27 per cent of NHS employees were fatigued, compared with 17 per cent of the public.

Woman in command



The deputy chief constable of Northamptonshire is to to head a British police force. Elizabeth Neville, left, is taking over as the new chief constable of Wiltshire police, commanding 1.180 officers, next year. She follows Pauline Clare, who became head of Lancashire police last year. Now in her early 40s, Miss Neville studied politics, philosophy and psychology at Oxford.

SCENTS OF WONDER.



POPY MORENI

This 'floriental' perfume of sensual sophistication from fashion designer Popy Moreni is new to Harrods this Christmas. The cleverly designed bottle by Thierry de Baschmakoff is a unique creation of desire and beauty. If you purchase the 50ml Eau de Parfum Spray at £49, you will receive a miniature fragrance with our compliments while stocks last. Popy Moreni is also available in three sizes of Eau de Toilette.

Meningitis alert swamps doctors

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Further cases have been reported at Southampton Institute of Higher Education and at York, Portsmouth and Bournemouth universities. Students face a higher risk

than the general population of contracting meningitis be-cause of their geographical mobility and lifestyle. Professor Simon Kroll of St Mary's Hospital, London, said that freshmen were more vulnerable because they came from all over the country to a campus where they might encounter germs to which they had not previously been exposed.

"In those circumstances, sporadic cases will occur that are linked not so much by individual contact between cases as by exposure to an organism which that population has not come across before," he said

Professor Kroll emphasised that meningitis remained very rare and cautioned against nous antibiotics is essential.

undue alarm, aithough students should be made aware of symptoms of the disease.

Meningitis affects about five students per 100,000, com-pared with two per 100,000 among the general popula-tion. The most vulnerable people remain babies aged six months to a year, with 50 cases per 100,000.

While the disease remains rare, its incidence has been rising for the past two years and is now at record levels. By November 15, 2,042 cases of meningococcal meningitis and septicaemia had been reported this year, compared with 1.827 for the whole of last year.

Symptoms include fever severe headache, nausea and vomiting, an aversion to bright light and a stiff neck. Meningococcal septicaemia can produce fever with vomiting, a rash, cold hands and feet, rapid breathing and pains in the stomach, muscles and joints. Early treatment with large doses of intrave-

MICHAEL HOWARD, the Home Secretary, will today

announce further concessions to gun owners in a doomed attempt to avert a second Tory

calibre handguns who will no longer be able to keep the hand them in.

posals. 22 handgurs will have to be stored at registered clubs. But the Home Secretary has accepted that the restrictions will be difficult to enforce. Many shooting ranges will be forced to close because of the increased cost of security measures he has

A Home Office source said last night: "It could lead to the situation where someone has to travel 250 miles to the

Howard offers concession to pacify handgun rebels By Andrew Pierce, political correspondent

rebellion on the Firearms Bill. The owners of the 40,000 .22

weapons at home will be entitled to government com-pensation if they decide to Under Mr Howard's pro-

nearest club to pick up their

.22. Others will not be able to afford the fees. If they are, prepared to forefit their guns they will be entitled to compensation for them." The move could lead to a

further significant reduction in the number of guns in circulation. Some 160,000 of the 200,000 handguns legally held in Britain will have to be destroyed or handed in under what Mr. Howard described as the toughest gun control laws in the world. Mr Howard will announce

the latest government climbdown in response to Tory backbench pressure, during the report stage of the Firearms Bill in the House of Commons today. But it will not be enough to avert a second damaging revolt.

Sir Jerry Wiggin, the Tory-MP for Weston-super-Mare, said last night: I will be voting against the Govern-ment. This is a concession

which I welcome but it is not enough. There is still no compensation for the gun makers or shooting ranges which will be forced to close down or for the loss of jobs which could run thousands.

"It is simple. If you make something illegal on one day which was legal the day before, you should pay compensation. This does not go nearly far enhough to per-suade me to support the Last month more than 30 Tory MPs rebelled against Mr

Howard's curbs on firearms ownership, in response to the Dunblane massacre, despite a doubling of the compensation package from E50 million to El00 million. The extra money covered gun accessories such as reloaders, special sights and holsters. The latest compromise will cost a further £12

Howe's nephew tipped for Scott seat



BY ANDREW PIERCE POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

MARTIN HOWE, a Euro-sceptic barrister, has emerged as a frontrunner to suc-ceed Sir Nicholas Scott in the safe seat of Kensington and Chelsea after the MP's

deselection as Tory election candidate. But a bandwagon is also forming behind Sir John Wheeler, the Northern Ireland Minister, whose neighbouring Westminster seat disappears in boundary changes. Sir John, 56, is seen by many. association members as capable of uniting the association after the Scott deselection battle.

One member added that local Tories on the Conservative Central Office candi-

would probably serve only one Parliament and stand down. They would then be vying to step into his shoes."

The Euro-sceptic views of Mr Howe, 41, whose uncle is the Europhile former Foreign Secretary, Lord Howe of Aberavon, vould go down well in the association. Mr Howe co-authored a paper in October for the Institute of Economic Affairs arguing that Britain might be better off outside the European Union: Mr Howe

declined to comment yesterday. Joan Hanham, the leader of Kensington and Chelsea council, who was shortlisted last year, is also in the frame. Many councillors are backing her candi-

dature as they would like to succeed her at

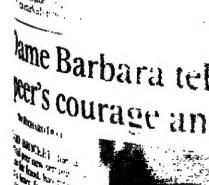
linked with the seat is Melinda Libby, a manager at the National Westminster Bank who lives in Chelses. Dudley Fishburn, the MP for Kensington who had announced he was standing down, might be tempted out of his planned early retirement.

There was no sign of Sir Nicholas or his wife Cecilia at their Battersea home yesterday. After Monday night's vote he went to the home of Jean Craig, the deputy chairman who was his chief supporter, who had planned a celebration party in the event of his victory. One person who was present said: "Nick thanked everyone for their hard work and support. It was very sad,"

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tight answ Jury clears odd-job man of Cotswold path murder

AN ODD-JOB man was cleared yesterday of murdering Vikki Thompson, a mother of two who was bludgeoned to death while out walking her dog. A jury at Oxford Crown Court took just 50 minutes unanimously to find Mark Weston, 21, not guilty.

Mrs Thompson was hit around the head with a stone or rock on a popular Cotswold walk just half a mile from her village of Ascott-under-

Mr Weston, who was a near neighbour of Mrs Thompson. showed no emotion as he heard that he was to be freed after 10 months in jail. The verdict was greeted by cheers of delight from villagers who had come to support his father. Alec, in the public



Weston: denied talking

Vikki and Jonathan Thompson were childhood sweethearts who had been married for nine years

gallery. Mrs Thompson's hus-band, Jonathan, 31, left the court accompanied by friends and family who had attended

the 14-day hearing.
He said in a statement: "I feel saddened and disappointed." He added: "Bringing Vikki's murderer to justice would have helped us to come to terms with what had happened and allow us to look to the future.

"More than this, we could be sure that no other family would have to go through what we have been through at the hands of Vikki's killer. Instead tonight we know that Vikki's killer, whoever that person may be, remains at large to kill again."

Mrs Thompson, 30, was attacked while walking her Sheltie dog. Daisy, down Shipton Lane, which leads out of the village, on a hot Satur-

showed that he was 12 times

over the drink-driving limit.

He had also taken cannabis,

heroin and cocaine. Another

man was in the car. At the

checkout, Mr Ewin had looked out and said: "Oh no."

He had put down the beer and

police Rover.

Mr Bevan said Sergeant

the sergeant looked over her

shoulder, she saw PC Hodg-

son fire two shots.

anniversary. Mr Weston was described

in court as a loner who had lived with his parents in the village all his life.

Nicholas Browne, QC, for the prosecution, had alleged that he escaped on foot leaving three footprints and was see in a hurry and perspiring on a nearby road half an hour later. Soil experts told the jury that pollen from a sample footprint matched that found on Weston's boots.

However, Alan Woodley, a farmer, said he had made the prints, which were found on his land. A footwear experi called by the defence concluded that the prints were made by a shoe smaller than Mr Weston's size 12.

Mr Weston told the trial: "I have never spoken to Mrs Thompson. I have seen her walking around the village once or twice. I did not kill her. I did not see her that afternoon."

Outside the court Christopher Edwards, Mr Weston's solicitor, called on the police to reopen their inquiry. "My client is obviously mightily relieved at the verdict this afternoon," he said. "The fact it has taken less than an hour to bring in speaks for itself and Mr Weston's name is now cleared once and for all."

Jon Bound, who led the investigation, said afterwards: "It would not be appropriate for Thames Valley Police to make any comment on the jury's



Road rage victim's fiancee tells of killer's staring eyes

rage" victim Lee Harvey yesterday described the "starey" eyes of his killer as she confronted him moments after the fatal attack. Tracey Andrews. 27. wept as she recounted the chase through narrow country lanes that ended with the 25-year-old father suffering a slashed throat and more than 15 stab wounds.

Miss Andrews appealed for witnesses to the attack at lipm flat in Alvechurch, Hereford and Worcester. Mr Harvey's white Escort RS2000 turbo had overtaken a battered Ford Bromsgrove. Detectives con-firmed that the chase, at up to 60mph, could have taken up to

"I was frightened," Miss Andrews said, "I was shouting at Lee to slow down, just ignore them and stop the car, but you know what a lot of men are like. He didn't like anybody telling him how to drive anyway." It ended when

THE fiances of the "road fronted each other. When the Sierra's driver returned to his car - an F-registration which may have had damage to the front nearside - his passenger, an overweight man in his mid-twenties, wearing a dark donkey jacket, climbed out and attacked Mr Harvey.

Miss Andrews said: "I saw the man hit Lee, I don't know what with. I got out of the car because I'm not the sort of person to sit there. Lee was on the floor and I thought he had been hit. Then I went over to the man. We had a confrontation. He hit me ... when I got up he was walking back to the

"I noticed that to me he didn't seem normal. It was just the way he looked. His eyes, they were staring eyes."

her fiance, an unemployed bus driver, as a "lovely, funny, caring" man who was a good father to his daughter, Danielle, 5, from a previous relationship and to her daughplanned to marry on June 7

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PC shot unarmed man 'as first resort, not last'

By Stewart Tendler, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

A POLICE officer who shot and killed a supected car thief went on trial at the Old Bailey had gone into a shop to buy a yesterday accused of murder. had gone into a shop to buy a David Ewin died from internal injuries two weeks after he was shot by PC Patrick Hodgon, a member of the crew of a Metropolitan armed response vehicle, in February last year.

John Bevan, for the prosecution, told the court that Mr Ewin was shot as he tried to drive off in a Toyota that had been boxed in by police and other vehicles near Hammersmith Bridge in southwest

Ewin was totally unarmed. He had nowhere to go," Mr Bevan said. "His hands were on the steering wheel and the only danger he posed was to the bodywork of the vehicles around him.

"If shooting Ewin was the only option, it is tantamount to saying any car thief driving recklessly may reasonably be shot by a police officer. Hodgson's action of drawing his gun was not done by him as the last resort but as the first resort and against an unarmed man."

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On the day of the shooting, PC Hodgson had been the map reader in the three-strong ARV crew, which was led by Sergeant Kathryn White. They had picked up a general police message about a Toyota MR2 stolen in northwest London. As the police headed north towards the bridge along Castlenau, PC Patrick Kelly, the radio operator, had seen the Toyota parked on the other

BY MIKE HORSNELL side of road pointing south. Mr Bevan said Mr Ewin

the Knighton Auction Stakes for two-year-olds at Leicester racehorse scandal returned to

White, who was driving, had seen PC Hodgson go to the driver's door and grab hold of his shirt through the window, She brought her car alongside the Toyota, Mr Bevan said, while PC Hodgson held Mr Ewin round the neck. The car was still going back and forth and the policeman had been in danger of being squashed between the Toyota and the PC Hodgson had shouted armed police and made his

way round to the pavement side. Sergeant White had seen him pointing his gun at the driver, demanding that he stop. Mr Bevan said that as Jockey Club for 25 years. Richardson, a businessman

Mr Bevan said at one point Edmund Lawson, QC, for the policeman was at risk of being squashed between the Toyota and the police car but he moved to the pavement and he did have other options. He could have stepped back from the car, arrested Ewin or holstered his gun and treated trial. The case continues.

Conviction in Flockton **Grey case** was 'unjust'

year. She was found covered

in blood and semi-conscious

by neighbours, who led a frantic search for her after

Police think she was initially

dragged across a field and

over two wire fences. She was then attacked again and left

for dead at the base of a

salesman, told the court that he had rushed to her side and

tried to keep her alive by asking questions about their

children's names. She mum-

bled only a few words to him,

including telling him, "It's all got too much," before lapsing into a coma. She died six days

The murdered woman had

been due to start a degree course in mathematics and

computing at Oxford Brookes University. On the eve of the

railway embankment.

Daisy returned home alone.

THREE judges in the Court of Appeal yesterday began a final inquiry into the result of court to hear new evidence

The prosecution say that a three-year-old horse, 'Good masquerading as Flockton Grey, won the race by 20 lengths at 10-1, having been very heavily backed. Kenneth Richardson, 58

with two associates, his racing manager, Colin Mathison, 60, and driver Peter Boddy, is challenging his conviction at York Crown Court in 1984 of conspiracy to defraud bookmakers. Richardson, from Hutton, East Riding of Yorkshire, was given a nine mouth suspended sentence and fined £20,000, while Mr Mathison was fined £3,000 and Mr Boddy conditionally dis-

Richardson was also banned from racing by the

who owned both horses, says winning horse was another mount entirely unconnected to him.

the three men, told Lord Justice Rose, Mr Justice Keene and Mr Justice Poole that photographs taken of Good Hand in 1981 and witness statements relating to the true identity of the winning horse had not been disclosed by the

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Dame Barbara tells of shamed peer's courage and care in jail

it as a stolen car incident.

LORD BROCKET, the disgraced peer now serving five years for fraud, has revealed in a letter from prison to Dame Barbara Cartland how he both fears for his life but also enjoys teaching other inmates to read and write in Lord Brocket was wounded

with a razor at Littlehey jail in Cambridgeshire last week. In an earlier letter to the romantic novelist, a former neighbour in Hertfordshire, he said he was in fear of attack because he was to be a prosecution witness against a prisoner who stole from him. Lord Brocket, 43, said his fear centred on an Asian gang in the jail: "My main problem is trying to avoid being knifed. I'm getting regular threats as I am the only witness left against them. All the others have been besten

out of hand, I will tell the police that I cannot appear as

up or intimidated. If it gets too



regular threats

Essendon, Hertfordshire, has written to the Lord Chancel lor's department to try to have Lord Brocket, a former Guardsman, moved to an open prison. She said: If you go into prison as Mr Snooks, you are all right. But if you are Lord Snooks, you go through hell. He has helped an lot of people in his life." Lord Brocket was jailed for a £4.5 million insurance fraud

by claiming that part of his collection of classic cars had

been destroyed. He is planning an appeal against the length of sentence. His letter to Dame Barbara reveals a shift in attitude from a man once considered aloof. He wrote: "I've been trying to help some of the poor illiterate chaps. One chap is delight ful, only about 24, but has never had an education. I showed him a map of Britain. He's never seen one before.

"If society really cares about people and makes some attempt to help them, then society will also be helping itself, as crimes will drop. Lord Brocket had his arm

in a sling when he appeared at Luton Crown Court last week to admit one outstanding fraud charge. He was sentenced to two years, con-current with his five-year

Charges against three in-mates at Littlehey Prison, accused of wounding a prisoner who befriended Brocket, have been dropped because of insufficient evidence. The prison refused to comment.

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WE'LL OPEN OUR SKIES. WILL BILL OPEN HIS?

Right now, the British Government is locked in negotiations with the Americans over an 'open skies' deal for liberalisation of aviation between our two countries.

Whilst Britain is quite happy to welcome American airlines to the UK, the Americans aren't prepared to welcome UK airlines to the US. And that, we believe, is just not cricket.

Encouragingly, Sir George Young, our Secretary of State for Transport agrees with us.

Whilst giving evidence to the Transport Select Committee earlier this year, Sir George said:

"We will not simply roll over and accept the US version of liberalisation, known misleadingly in my opinion as 'open skies', which is clearly designed to tilt the market in favour of US airlines. We shall be seeking a new air service agreement which gives our carriers an opportunity to compete with US carriers on equal terms."

So how *unequal* are the terms at In fact the only so called concession the moment?

What the Americans want is to be able to fly as many US aircraft as they like into Britain's airports, and then to pick up passengers in Britain and fly them on to Europe and the rest of the world. (Which would be fine if there were enough take off and landing slots.)

But what the Americans aren't prepared to give the UK is the right to land at US airports and then fly passengers on to other destinations in the US.

Nor are they prepared to give up any of the incredibly protectionist laws limiting the UK's right to invest in US airlines. Even though the US is already allowed to invest in the UK's airlines.

Nor are they even prepared to give up their one sided policy that dictates that US Government people must fly only on US airlines. In fact the only so called concession that the American Government is prepared to make has nothing to do with 'open skies' at all.

It is to sanction the monopolistic merger between British Airways and American Airlines.

A merger that would normally be deemed illegal by the Americans because it is so anti-competitive. Especially as between them BA and AA control the lion's share of Heathrow's take off and landing slots.

In short, this is not an 'open' but a 'closed skies' deal. It offers nothing for the flying public. But it does offer a juicy monopoly for two of the world's biggest airlines.

We urge Sir George Young to stick to his guns, and negotiate a deal that will create a level playing field for all Britain's airlines, and that won't disadvantage either the British or American flying public.

Any other deal is most unwelcome.

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Germans offered to turn Windsors into puppet rulers

By Alan Hamilton and Valerie Elliott

THE Duke and Duchess of Windsor were offered the position of puppet king and queen of Britain when Germany contacted the Duchess early in the Second World War, an intelligence report released yesterday by the Public Record Office suggests. Other documents show that

the Duke had already come to believe that he would be summoned back to London to re-occupy the throne after an abdication by George VI. He foresaw a scenario in which the Cabinet would resign and be replaced by a Labour government ready to sue for peace with Hitler.

Yesterday's documents, released exactly 60 years after the abdication of the former Edward VIII, flesh out the long-established picture of him as a petulant, ill-advised and often misguided figure during the war years, but one whose loyalty and patriotism were never in serious doubt.

Many of the papers were seen in advance by the author Philip Ziegler for his authorised biography of Edward VIII, published in 1990; substantial new disclosures can now only come from the Royal Archives at Windsor, which restrict material for

up to 100 years. The puppet ruler suggestion is contained in an intelligence report from Prague of July, 1940. It is based on information from an unnamed source with contacts in Germanoccupied Czechoslovakia and reads: "Germans expect assistance from Duke and Duchess of Windsor, latter desiring at

any price to be queen. Cermans have been negotiating with her since June 27. Status quo in England accept undertaking to form anti-Russian alliance. Germans propose to form opposition government under Duke of Windsor, having first changed public opinion by propaganda. Germans think King George will abdi-



At about the same time

David Eccles, an Embassy official in Lisbon keeping tabs

on the Windsors, reported: "I

with the Duke and Duchess of

Windsor, Mr and Mrs George Wood and Major Philips. They are very nearly fifth

column; at least they reckon

we pushed France into a war

she didn't want, and then let

her down, and that the French

armistice was the best possible thing they could do." Churchill received other re-

ports that, while in Lisbon, the

young Spanish aristocrat, Count Nava de Tajo, three

years earlier. "It was clear

of a Labour government

from the conversation of HRH that he expected the British Cabinet to resign in the near Queen Elizabeth in 1939: "an ambitious woman" future, and to see the creation



The Duke and Duchess of Windsor meeting Hitler in 1937. The Duke's wartime sympathies worried Churchill

which would enter into negotiation with Germany. He expected also that George VI would abdicate following a virtual revolution brought about by the fact that the ruling classes had utterly disgraced themselves, and that he [the Duke] would be summoned to return to England to occupy the throne," it says.

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The Duke spoke of how England would become the leader of a coalition of France, Spain and Portugal, while Germany would be free to march against Russia. The Count suggested that all these ideas had been put into the Duke's head by Frenchmen and Spaniards who were playthought the age of constitu-tional monarchy had passed. evidently believing that an age of Führers such as Petain, Franco and Salazar had opened. "I was got rid of by the Tories," he complained. He also expressed himself with some force about Queen Elizabeth (now Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother) whom he termed "an ambitious

Duke continued that he

woman". In 1940 Churchill wrote: The position of the Duke of Windsor on the Continent in recent months has been causing HM and HMG embarrassment as, though his loyalty is unimpeachable,

Nazi intrigue which seeks to make trouble about him." At the same time Sir Samuel

Hoare, the Ambassador in Madrid, reported to London that the Duke was trying to impose conditions on a return to England, as he would be stuck there for the rest of the war. He demanded a brief meeting with the King and Queen for himself and the Duchess and further tried to insist that the encounter be formalised with an announcement in the Court Circular.

But London would not meet his conditions, and in a telegram to Churchill he remarked sourly: "My visits to England since the war have

an embarrassment to all concerned, myself included."

In July 1940, Lord Halifax, the British Ambassador in Washington, wrote about the Windsors' impending move to the Caribbean: "I dare say it is quite a good plan that they should go to the Bahamas, but I am sorry for the Bahamas." As Governor, the Duke's

thoughts on the war changed. President Roosevelt was reported to have found him very robust on war and victory, and his attitude generally showed a great improvement on the impression the President had formed when he met him a year ago."

Zulu tells of killing **Britons** on beach

FROM INIGO GILMORE IN JOHANNESBURG

THE last moments of two British women stabbed and hacked to death on a remote beach in South Africa four years have been described in court by a Zulu man who has said that he committed the unsolved murders.

Elijah Noam Sibiya, 24, gave himself up to police at the weekend, claiming that he had killed Julie Godwin and her friend. Elizabeth Over. in Sodwana Bay on November 30, 1992. He pleaded guilty to the murders and, through an interpreter, told the court in Umbombo, northern Kwa-Zulu/Natal, that it had been the day on which the women were supposed to die".

Sibiya said calmly that he had attacked the two women in their four-wheel-drive vehicle with a bushknife and spear, robbed them and disposed of their bodies.

The women, both 30, were killed while sunbathing dur-ing a camping holiday in the marine reserve on the region's north coast. Their bodies were found washed up on the

Sibiya, a resident of nearby Mbazwana, told the court he had taken money from the women and bought clothes with it. He subsequently felt "very afraid" and asked for God's forgiveness. He burnt the stolen items, together with his clothes and weapons.

Police said that Sibiya walked into the police station in Mbazwana four years to the day after the murders, saying he wanted to speak to officers. He did not request legal representation at his hearing. The magistrate ordered that Sibiya be taken to the district surgeon. He has been remanded in custody until December 23.

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Tax office will hear cathedral confession

By PAUL WILKINSON

A ROMAN CATHOLIC diocese is to be reported to the Inland Revenue after extra payments to a cathedral's music director were revealed at an industrial tribunal.

Joanne Connaughton, who Hallam at St Marie's Cathedral, Sheffield, received three payments of cash totalling £1,500 and a car valued at more than £4,000 after she complained that her salary was not big enough.

Details of the payments came out during a tribunal in the city in which Ms Connaughton, 32, was claiming sexual discrimination. She received £10,000 in an out-ofcourt settlement.

The tribunal had heard that Ms Connaughton, now a music lecturer at the Univer-sity of Northumbria, worked for the diocese for seven years until August 1994. In that time her salary rose from £6,000 to Ell,000. After she left, she discovered that her successor. Philip Jakob, was receiving £20,000.

The Sheffield diocese said the two salaries could not be compared. Alison Hampson. for the diocese, also said that when Ms Connaughton launched her case, she did not mention bonus payments of £500 a time received in 1993 and 1994, or that the diocese had bought a car costing £4,095 in November 1990. None was declared to the Inland Revenue.

The tribunal chairman, O.T.B. Davies, said: "We take a very serious view of the evidence we have heard. We think it is only appropriate for us to make a report to the Inland Revenue."

Ms Connaughton's claim had been backed by the Equal Opportunities Commission. Diana Brittan, the deputy chairwoman said: This case was the first taken on whether or not a woman or man can claim equal pay with a successor of the opposite sex."

RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

SIXTEEN Anglican dergy who left the Church of England over the decision to ordain women priests have converted back and have received permission to take services as Anglican clergy again, it was disclosed yesterday.

Of the 16, eight became Roman Catholics, but within the space of two years all had decided that their true home was in the Established Church. One, the Rev Peter Bolton, who benefited from the "hardship" payments to Anglican clergy who re-

Church of England payroll as vicar. of Lower Broughton, near Salford, in the Manchester diocese.

Mr Bolton was vicar of St Paul's in Royton, Greater Manchester, and area dean of Tandle when he resigned. After just one year as a Roman Catholic, he sought to return to the Church of England and was made non-stipendiary minister of St Paul's, Salford, in June last year. He was made a vicar in July this year. Mr Bolton, interviewed on BBC 2's

Newsnight last night, said: "My decision to leave was a logical

signed over the issue, is back on the decision to come back was a decision of the heart."

As an Anglo-Catholic, Mr Bolton beleived that the Church of England was part of the one, universal catholic church and that it was not, therefore, entitled to take on its own the decision to ordain women priests. "The important thing was for me to remain part of the catholic church. That was the question then: where could I be a catholic."

But he continued: "When I arrived in the Roman Catholic Church, my heart said I belonged to the Church of - England. I belonged with people I'd decision, a decision of the head. My grown up with, learnt the faith with,

Renegade Anglican clergy return to the fold taught the faith to, that I'd loved, that I'd cared for as a priest. These people mattered to me, and mattered to me more than I think I knew. And

> perhaps I mattered to them more than I understood, too." In total, 391 Anglican clergy have resigned over women priests. Of these, 221 became Roman Catholics, 22 Orthodox and nine joined the Free churches. Most of the others are thought to have remained in the

Anglican church, although not serving as clergy.

An Anglican clergyman who resigned over the issue could receive up to £100,000 over ten years in

hardship payments from the Church Commissioners, although payments would cease if he found paid employment elsewhere. The revelations come as the Arch-

bishop of Canterbury. Dr George Carey, pays his second visit to the Pope at the Vatican. The Pope agreed to allow converted clergy to enjoy a fast-track to ordination in the Catholic Church, although Cardinal Basil Hume, the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Westminster, acknowledged at the time that not all the new converts to Roman Catholicism would be able to accept the difference between the two Churches.

Pope and Carey appeal for unity to end 'sad separation'

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

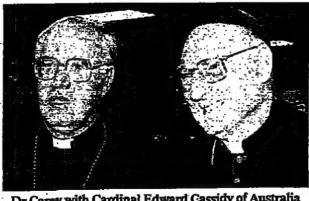
THE Pope and the Archbishop of Canterbury yesterday made a joint appeal for "full unity between the Anglican and Roman Catholic traditions, in an attempt to end what the Pope called "this sad

Dr George Carey, holding the first of two meetings with the Pope in the Valican, affirmed "the absolute commitment both of myself personally and also of the full, visible unity of God's

But the two Church leaders. who are to hold private talks tomorrow in the Vatican without interpreters or officials, avoided any direct reference to divisive issues such as the Anglican ordination of women priests. Officials said the "language of reconciliation" was warmer than many had expected given the often bitter differences.

Dr Carey said: "We cannot undo overnight doctrinal differences and the bitternesss that have resulted from the legacy of history," but noted a "convergence in faith and doctrine" since dialogue between the two churches began 30 years ago in the wake of the Second Vatican Council.

Dr Carey met the Pope briefly in 1992 while visiting the Italian Church hierarchy. But this week is the first time a Pope and an Archbishoo of Canterbury have met officially since 1989, when Dr Robert Runcie came to Rome. Dr Carey and the pontiff will jointly preside at Vespers tomorrow at San Gregorio Church, which contains the marble throne from which



Dr Carey with Cardinal Edward Cassidy of Australia

Pope Gregory I sent St Augus-tine to Britain in 596 AD.

Addressing the Pope as "dear brother in Christ", Dr Carey said he had come to the "cradle of Western Christendom" in the name of the 70 million Anglicans around the world. He recalled being in Rome after the Pope's in-stallation in 1978 and the joy which welcomed the start of

your papacy". He praised the Pope's "evident committment to Christlan unity" as expressed in the encyclical Ut Unum Sint and in the Pope's travels abroad incuding his visit to Britain in 1982, which Dr Carey said was "still remembered with great warmth and affection". The pontiff replied that pray-ing alongside Dr Runcie in Canterbury Cathedral had been a "precious moment"

and a "significant milestone". Dr Carey said that in the run-up to the millennium. Church unity was vital for "a broken and divided world". The Pope called for "reconciliation and unity in a single communion of faith, life and mission. The task before us is to strengthen that bond until we reach the full unity that is Christ's will for us".

Yesterday evening the Archbishop addressed Rome's Anglican community at St Paul's within the Walls, a Victorianera church now run by American Episcopalians.

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DPP's husband tells of knife mugging

By A STAFF REPORTER

THE husband of the Director of Public

John Mills was stabbed between the ribs with a butterfly knife, hit over the head with a truncheon and punched. He managed to stagger to his front door before sinking to the floor in the hallway. where his wife, Barbara, raised the alarm. Surgeons saved his life after discovering that an artery had been cut and his liver lacerated. He lost nearly two pints of blood, Knightsbridge Crown

Court was told. Eduardo de la Cruz, 18, the alleged gang leader, and an unnamed 17-year-old youth, both from Marylebone, deny

wounding with intent in May last year. and the robbery of a wallet, credit cards and cash. Aftab Jafferjee, for the Prosecutions told a jury yesterday that a prosecution, said de la Cruzused a former gang mugging left him "pouring with blood" near his home.

All Jahlerjee, for the prosecution, said de la Cruzused a former police truncheon, while the knife was wielded by the unnamed youth.

Mr Mills, 58, a businessman, said a lack of parking spaces outside his home in Camden, north London, forced him to leave his car about 100 yards down the road. As he walked, he found himself surrounded by up to six youths. They started attacking me, punching

me and one of them got me into a neck hold," he said. "I was punched around my head and shoulders. I think one of them, certainly, and perhaps others, were saying something like. Give me your money. I decided it was not worthwhile being badly beaten up for the sum of money I had in my wallet - £100 in £10 notes. I took it out from my inside jacket pocket and it was snatched from my

He held on to his briefcase and the gang moved off down the street. "At the time I did not think my injuries were very severe. I had no idea that I had been stabbed. Somebody stopped in a car. She asked me if I was feeling all right and I said, "Not too bad." "The woman motorist indicated that he should look down. When he did, he said. "I could see that the blood

was pouring out of me. She offered to drive him to his house, but could not start her car. "So I made my own way the 100 yards or so to my front door," he recalled. While he lay on the hall floor, his wife dialled 999. The trial

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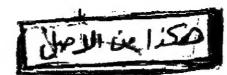
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Libel trial told that BA report on rival airline chief played on his 'all-important image'

Irritated King 'linked Branson club with drugs'

FORMER British Airways the High Court yesterday that Lord King of Wartnaby and other BA board members had become increasingly alarmed by the growing threat to the airline posed by Richard Branson, the head of Virgin.

Brian Basham said he had been asked to compile a report on Virgin. Lord King, the BA chairman, had provided information about a possible drugs problem at a nightclub owned by Mr Branson.

At the time, in 1991, Lord King and Colin Marshall, BA chief executive, were upset by Mr Branson's boasts that he would take almost a third of But Mr Basham denied he had set out to smear or "trash" Virgin and said his report, presented to the BA board and leaked to selected journalists. was fair and balanced.

Mr Basham, 52, was giving evidence in his libel action against the author Martyn Gregory over passages in his book, Dirty Tricks: British Airways Secret War Against Virgin Atlantic. He claims he is portrayed as a liar who masterminded a dirty tricks

campaign against Virgin. Mr Basham, from Hampstead, northwest London, said: "Some people in BA saw



Lord King, left, was angry at Virgin, Brian Basham said

had visited the offices of

British Aerospace in the

Strand, not far from the club. Mr Basham said: "Lord King

told me that when he went to

visit, Sir Ray Lygo [then the chief executive of BAe] apologised to him because Lord King could not get in the

VIP entrance because of large

mounds of rubbish bags

which Ray Lygo said West-minster Council refused to

might take a dim view. Heavabout remarks he had heard en "seems to be a high risk in either from friends or the terms of his (Branson's) allpress. But the most serious Mr Basham in his report. In the dossier were newspaper cuttings, including one from The Sun, headed. Fiver for a Branson made claims that he would win a very large pro-portion of transatlantic air traffic in a very small time — about 30 per cent in three or drug trip to Heaven in pushers plying evil trade". On one occasion, Lord King four years.

To compile his report. Mr Basham had employed "a very bright accountant" and a read through five years of press cuttings and conducted House to produce a business

profile on Virgin.

The report included "the downside" of Virgin, he said.
There was a section on the Heaven, near Charing Cross in London, which had an unsavoury rep-

Asked by his counsel, Patrick Milmo, QC, why he included this information in his report, Mr Basham told the jury: "This was a report primarily to the board of British Airways. This information had been provided by the chairman. It seemed ap-

propriate to include it. I be-lieved it to be entirely true." Mr Milmo asked Mr Basham: "Did you think you were a part in a smear trashing Richard Branson and

Virgin Atlantic?"
"No, of course not," Mr Basham said. "I was question-ing his claims. I think it was a fair and balanced report. That was the brief I gave my employees and consultant and that is what we produced."

The jury was played a tape journalist, Chris Hutchins, at a meeting with Mr Basham in tion was about Virgin and Mr. Branson and included re-marks about the "moral dan-ger" Mr Branson faced because of his links with the Heaven club. Mr Basham told the journalist it was "not inconceivable" the club might be raided for drugs. He said he was merely explaining that unfavourable publicity about the club might give Mr Branson re-financing prob-



Richard Branson modelling one of the wedding outlits in Virgin's latest venture

Close shave in fashion as Virgin bride is unveiled

upper lip, a noble chin, yet still display a sensitive side. In an age when the number of famous beard wearers seems to be thinning, Richard Branson flamboyantly joined the ranks of the newly shorn yesterday by appearing on a catwalk, dressed in drag, to wedding shop.
This new blow to the cause

reason. Within three weeks, the Virgin boss hopes to get under way on his muchpostponed circumnavigation of the world in a hot-air balloon and needs his oxygen mask to be a snug fit. He has been cultivating his

facial growth since he was 16, 30 years ago. He said: "Me without a beard is like a dog without a bone. But my wife is keen for me to grow it back, so I expect it will appear again quite quickly." The move caused alarm in

the beard lobby. "I feel very let down," said Jerry Hayes, the Tory MP who has recently had his own beard trimmed into a goatee. There is rampant beardism in this country. I experimented with shaving mine off two years ago, but my children screamed."

Mike Gatting, the forme England cricket captain, has shaved his off after a bet with his team during an England

A team tour in Australia: "I Victoria and we did. But I'm going to start growing it again, he said glumly. These are just the latest disappearing beards. Jimmy Hill's chin lost its trademark

fuzz 13 years ago. The comedian Billy Connolly has long been sans whiskers John improved when he took note

Traditionally Labour has been a much bairier political party - with Robin Cook, Frank Dobson and David Blunkett in the front line but it emerged earlier this year that new Labour was advising candidates to sport a clean-cut look. Peter Mandel-

moustaches, Alistair Darling, of Labour's Treasury team. had planned to shave off his white whiskers, but kept them "I had already had all my election photographs taken — people _wouldn't _recognise

Many men go through a hairy stage of course. The Prince of Wales returned brother, the Duke of York, turned hirsute in the Forces ten years later. There's always a moment of self-consciousness when the beard is shorn and people can't quite make out why you look different. Except in Mr Branson's case, of course...

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Board began buying up land

The only remaining prob-lem is that about half a mile of

formerly sandy beach has been left an expanse of rock and mud. "We just hope that in time the sea will build up new sand." Mrs Gubbins

She said she took her hat off

to her opponents: "We have to

admire them for standing

down, faced with such wide-

spread protests. In the case of

the sand extraction, RMC had

the legal right to continue, but

the moral issue got to them."

She added: "Effort is still

needed to sort out the bay's

future. We want it to become

and properties."

The lowest point for us was



The Prince of Wales and the Duke of York went through their bearded stages ten years apart

Tide turns in fight over the beach

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A VETERAN fighter on the beaches was celebrating yesterday when her two main opponents threw in the towel after a battle lasting nearly 20

Bridget Gubbins took on a sand and gravel company and the nuclear industry to pre-serve her favourite stretch of beach at Druridge Bay, Northumberland.

Magnox Electric gave up and said it wanted to sell almost 300 acres at Druridge Bay, which had been earmarked as a site for a nuclear. power station since the late

Then, Mrs Gubbins and her fellow campaigners heard that Ready Mixed Concrete had decided to stop extracting sand from a one-mile stretch of the eight-mile bay, giving up a 45-year option on further planning applications.

The nuclear threat receded with electricity privatisation in 1989, so the campaign switched to saving the sand. About 1.5 million tonnes has been taken since the 1960s, threatening to ruin one of the North East's most popular tourist beaches.

Mrs. Gubbins, 52, said the Druridge Bay Campaign became a major part of her life.

leaves £18m in will after suicide Bill, moved from the United States in 1976. "When the threat of a nuclear power BY LIN JENKINS station emerged in the late

Rothschild

AMSCHEL ROTHSCHILD. the heir to the banking dynas-ty who committed suicide in Paris in July, left estate valued at more than £18 million. Mr Rothschild, 41, who left a widow, Anita, 38, and three children, Kate, 13, Alice, 12, and James, 11, was found hanged by his bathrobe cord in his hotel bathroom.

At an inquest in August, Paul Knapman, the Westminster Coroner, concluded that his death resulted from depression, possibly caused by the death of his mother.

Mr Rothschild left the bulk of his estate, net value E18,542,935 (£18,864,699 gross) to relatives.

At the time of his death Mr Rothschild, of Kensington, west London, who also lived with his family on an estate in Suffolk, was in Paris to chair a meeting of Rothschild Asset Management.

About 600 mourners attended his funeral at the Liberal Jewish Cemetery in Willesden. north London. Among them were William Waldegrave, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, and Bill Wyman of the Rolling Stones.

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GPs would lead Labour's attack on NHS waste



Smith: said more would be spent on patient care

HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

LABOUR pledged yesterday to top the Government's spending plans for the NHS by cutting bureaucracy by 90 per cent and putting GPs in charge of almost the entire hospital

in a rare spending commitment, Chris Smith, the Shadow Health Secretary, said Labour would match the Government's promise of an extra £1.6 billion for the NHS next year - a 29 per cent increase in real terms - but make more money available for patients by cutting out "swaths of wasteful bureaucratic

procedure". The keystone is the increased role for GPs. They would largely take over the running of the hospital budget, worth £23 billion next year, from health authorities.

Mr Smith told NHS managers that Labour would also end the competitive internal market and get rid of two-tier care. But he surprised experts by predicting that the introduction of GP commissioning and a switch to longer-term funding agreements with hospitals would reduce the amount of contracts in the NHS to less than one tenth of their present level. Labour has estimated that the

internal market introduced by the

NHS reforms in 1991 costs £L5 billion a year to run. Labour said it would save £100 million on administration costs in the first year. The British Medical Association described the promised 90 per cent cut in paperwork as a "huge claim".

Annual contracts with hospitals. which Mr Smith described as insane, would be replaced with three to five-year funding agreements. The changes would be accomplished over two to three years. Mr Smith said he wanted to move from "a market system based on hundreds of thousands of individual transactions all happening in uncoordinated and contradictory

fashion" to a devolved system where decisions are taken close to the patient - in other words, by GPs. However, GP fundholding, under

which individual practices hold their own budgets for non-urgent hospital treatment, was not suitable for all GPs and had introduced inequity through the development of a two-tier service. In its place, groups of GPs covering between 50,000 and 150,000 people would take control, leaving the least back to the control.

leaving the local health authority with a planning and monitoring role and a much-reduced budget.

In a marked softening of Labour's previously hostile attitude to GP

continue operating their own limited hospital budgets by agreement with the local GP commissioning group so long as they observed the group's overall aims and did not

operate a two-tier service. Mr Smith said the new structure was a way of involving all GPs, harnessing their dynamism and commitment" but avoiding current fragmentation, inequity and excessive management overheads". Instead of inviting competing bids for their custom from hospitals, they would draw up agreements on a "collaborative, negotiated basis".

fundholding. Mr Smith said exist-ing fundholders could be allowed to However, it is unclear what lever-age the GP commissioning groups age the GP commissioning groups would have over poor-performing hospitals. Instead of withdrawing patients, Mr Smith said they should use other ways of forcing improve-

> The National Association of Health Authorities and Trusts welcomed the greater involvement of GPs but said they must be accountable, with health authorities given powers to intervene if problems arose. Rhidian Morris, chairman of the National Association of Fundholding GPs, said the proposals would mean the death of

Largest skin graft leaves woman with new outlook

By NIGEL HAWKES SCIENCE EDITOR

THE face and neck of a woman badly scarred by burns has been restored by a pioneering skin graft.

Andrea Trembeth, 49, was treated at the Queen Victoria Hospital in East Grinstead West Sussex, by consultant plastic surgeon Nicholas Parkhouse, who took an Ilinby-15in piece of skin from her side. He chose to take the full thickness of skin, the largest such graft carried out in

Plastic surgeons normally take only the top layer of skin, because this enables the skin at the donor site to regenerate. The drawback is that these thin shavings of skin, known as split skin grafts, have a tendency to shrink, resulting in tightness in the scar tissue. The result can be unsightly as well as uncomfortable. Mrs Trembeth, who was

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conventional skin grafts but was left in discomfort and with obvious scarring on her face and neck. Mr Parkhouse offered her the chance of a full-thickness skin graft, pio-neered in the US in the 1980s by Joel Feldman of the Shrin-

ers Burns Institute in Boston. Full-thickness skin contracts less, and therefore provides a much more supple



Parkhouse delighted

result. But the operation is very time-consuming, and the risk of failure "almost unthinkable", Mr Parkhouse said, because first all the existing area of graft has to be

The operation took two days. On the first day, all the scar tissue from the lower face and neck was removed in an operation lasting six hours, leaving a bed of tissue with no scarring and no bleeding.

The following day, in an operation lasting 12 hours, the full-thickness graft was taken from Mrs Trembeth's side and used to reconstruct the damaged area. The area of her side from which the skin had been removed was repaired with skin shavings from her legs. Mrs Trembeth was under anaesthetic throughout the two days.

The operation, details of which were reported at the winter meeting of the British Association of Plastic Sur-

a plaster cast to immobilise her. "The danger is that if the jaws and face are allowed to move there is a shearing force between the face and the new skin which damages the developing blood vessels." Mr Parkhouse said. "Then the graft fails. To prevent that Mrs Tremble had to be immobilised, her jaw wired up, and fed through a tube." She was in intensive care for a

Mrs Trembeth had her operation 18 months ago.
"She was absolutely delighted and I was delighted that it worked," said Mr Parkhouse, who has done a similar graft since. "It isn't appropriate for every patient," he said. "It scarring where the donor skin is removed, but that can be tolerated if the result is to improve the appearance of the face. That can be a big psychological help to



Andrea Trembeth, whose face and neck were remodelled with skin from her side

Surgeons put backs into breast surgery

By A STAFF REPORTER

WOMEN who face disfigure ment after operations for breast cancer were offered a solution yesterday. A technique has been developed that involves replacing the missing area of breast with skin and muscle from the patient's

back. Recently there has been a trend away from removing the breast completely to cutting out the tumours. But doctors realise that the resulting disfigurement can be more upset-

ting than a mastectomy.

The new technique involves a cancer surgeon and plastic surgeon working together. In the first trials in Britain at Stoke Mandeville Hospital, near Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, patients were delighted to find that they were able to keep their figures. About 40 patients have had the surgery since 1994, their ages ranging from 36 to 72.

Speaking at a news conference organised by the British Association of Plastic Surgeons, C.C. Koo, who is pioneering the treatment, said: The idea of just removing the lump has caught on because people feel they won't lose their breast. But quite a number of these lump operations have a problem with scarring. deformity and alteration in

This treatment is effective. simple, involves few complications, and the bottom line is that you have very happy

Healing power of the grubby dressing

MAGGOTS have saved a man's leg from amputation in a clinical trial of an ancient, if stomach-turning, technique. The 83-year-old man had three large

ulcers in the same leg as well as a lung-infection and heart failure. In a treatment for patients who are unfit for surgery, doctors applied sterile greenbottle fly larvae to the wounds and covered them with a dressing. The maggots removed

only complaint was a tickling sensation as they went about their business.

Three days later the maggots were removed using a suction technique. Instead of an amputation, the man ultimately needed only a skin graft.

Kenneth Graham, of Dundee Royal

ex Hospital London, said yesterday: "Maggots are very effective in cleaning up wounds. They eat up all the dead tissue, they remove the odour and they rapidly

nutrition to the wound." Six people took part in the trial. Mr Graham said there were no major sideeffects, the patients' revulsion being the main problem. Typically betwen 150 and 200 maggots were used. A hundred would eat up to 15g of dead tissue a day, growing up to 20 times their initial size.

The healing power of maggots has

long been known. Interest in their use is being revived with many bacteria having become resistant to antibiotics.

Gulf War sickness linked

to stress By NIGEL HAWKES SCIENCE EDITOR

STRESS may have made some Gulf War soldiers more likely to fall ill after taking anti-nerve gas agents, research in Israel suggests.

A team from the Hebres University in Jerusalem and the Israeli Defence Forces Medical Corps have found that stress increases the amount of drugs able to cross the so-called blood-brain barrier. In experiments with mice, stress greatly increased the amount of a chemical that could cross, the team reports in Nature Medicine.

The study began after it was found that Gulf War veterans suffered short-term neurological problems, such as insomnia and nervousness, after taking the anti-nerve gas agent pyridostigmine.

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One of the authors of the study, Dr Hermona Soreq, said: "Pyridostigmine penetrates the brain rather effectively under stress conditions. The finding suggests that stress may multiply the effect of the drugs and raises questions about dosage:

Sixth person dies in E. coli outbreak

BY SHIRLEY ENGLISH

A SIXTH person died of suspected E. coli food poisoning in Scotland yesterday, as it emerged that the butcher at the centre of the outbreak ignored warnings and sold suspect meat after the health

John M. Barr & Son, of Wishaw, supplied a party with turkey, boiled ham and roast beef on Saturday, November 23, despite being told to remove all cooked means from sale the night before, Lanarkshire Health Board said.

Twenty-two guests out of 104 who attended the 18th birthday celebration more than a week ago have symptoms of E. coli 0157. One is in hospital while another six guests have yet to be traced. Strathclyde Police are investigating.
The 72-year-old woman who

died yesterday in Monklands Hospital, Airdrie, after being admitted to hospital on November 24, has not been named. A total of 168 people have now been confirmed as being infected with E. coli 0157, most of them in Lanarkshire. It is feared that as many as one in ten may develop kidney problems. Fifty-eight people are in

hospital and 25 are seriously ill, including four children in Glasgow's Yorkhill Hospital who are still receiving dialysis for kidney damage, as are three adults.

Professor Hugh Penning-ton, who is heading the Scottish Office inquiry into the epidemic, has been asked by Michael Forsyth, the Scottish Secretary, to prepared his report by Christmas.

Legal aid has been granted to seven children, aged from three to seven, to prepare a ground-breaking legal action over E. coli 0157 against the Government (Frances Gibb writes). The children, who suffered food poisoning and kidney problems in different incidents in England, say it failed to give warning of the dangers of under-cooked beef and the risks of the bacterium. They will also be suing variously McDonald's Restaurants, a firm of meat suppliers and an abattoir.

A spokesman for McDonald's said: The danger from E. coli is well known. We would like to reassure our customers that all McDonald's products are cooked to exacting standards and to the highest specification."



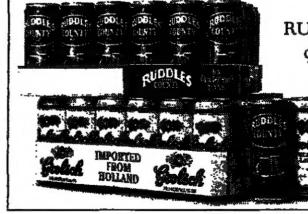
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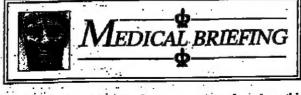
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Cream offers sporting chance

MARGARET GOODWIN is an ace bowls player, but her chances of success in the national women's competition, in which she used to star, has been blighted by her eczematous feet.

Her condition is aggravaled by contact with nylon. Like many eczema sufferers, Mrs Goodwin, 50, from Saltash in Cornwall, has to wear absorbent, non-irritating textiles on her feet; for bowls, old-fashioned cotton socks would be ideal if only she were allowed

to wear them. The ruling body for English women's indoor bowls championships is adamsnt. Either Mrs Goodwin wears nylon tights or stockings or she takes no part in its competitions. The committee is unmoved by dermatologists' letters explaining that after con-



tact with nylon, Mrs. Goodwin's feet swell, ooze and itch. The National Eczema Society is outraged.

There is hope for Mrs Goodwin. Treatment is usually with steroid creams, but thinning can be a serious sideeffect when the creams are used for any length of time.

Damage is pronounced if the skin is already thin, as on the soles of the feet. The skin may develop prominent veins and a rash. However, research has shown that one of the newer potent steroid creams,

Cutivate (fluticasone), does

not cause such serious thinning as others of the type. In a clinical trial volunteers applying fluticasone had lost per cent of their skin thickness after eight weeks. In other experiments the older potent steroid creams have caused a loss of between 15 to 22 per cent of thickness.

Another advantage is that fluticasone need he applied only once daily. It would not normally be recommended for long-term use on thin skin but might be used for long enough to let Mrs Goodwin wear nylons, and win.

Suicide bridge puts designs for living to the test

COMMUNITY CORRESPONDENT

THE SAS is to be asked to test barriers designed to cut the suicide rate at the Clifton suspension bridge in Bristol. On average, someone jumps to their death almost once a

ning design from among 117 entries in a competition. We just hope and pray they work," John Mitchell, the bridgemaster, said. These deaths are something you never get used to. Every one is different

tragedy." The latest victim plunged 245ft into the River Avon last week and was about the thousandth suicide since the bridge opened in 1864. Twenty years later, Sarah Henley made history when she jumped from the bridge after being jilted by her lover. She was not, however, the first to commit suicide, but the first to jump and survive. Her crinoline petticoat acted as a parachute and she glided to the bottom. She lived to a ripe

The winning design fea-tures a fence above the existing parapet. It leans inwards over the footway so that any-one trying to get over would while leaning backwards. A rotating handrail along the parapet would make it more difficult to climb the fence and should delay would-be suicides long enough for bridge staff to restrain them.

To test the optimum height of the fence, a mock-up will be built and the SAS asked to see how easy it is to climb. If the feasibility study is successful. the new fence should be installed by the end of next year at a cost of £250,000. The competition judges liked the



About 1,000 people have jumped from the bridge

simplicity and easy mainte-nance of the winning scheme. Other entries relied on everything from lasers to air cushions, and from psychology to

electrified handrails. One sugted that building an identical bridge across the Avon gorge would halve the suicide

attaching harnesses to each pedestrian crossing the

Two London architects, Norman Dick and Robert Dearman, were joint winners because they submitted similar schemes for a wire fence. Mr Dick also suggested lasertriggered loudspeakers playing tapes designed by psychi-atrists. These would include sounds of washing up, mili-tary band music, traditional Chinese singing and messages such as, "Why not pause a

while and reconsider? Other suggestions included laser-operated airbags, nets or high-pressure lets of water or Simon Brooks, a spokesman air to foil jumpers. Another for the Clifton Supersion for the Clifton Supersion solution was a network of fibre-optic cables creating an archway of light around the walkways. They would be coated in Kevlar to form a suicide-proof cage. One design proposed floating giant helium-filled flowers in the river

jumped off the bridge. Simpler ideas included putting up "wet paint" signs to deter people climbing on the handrail and carrying pedestrians in enclosed carriages. However, the bridge trustees preferred to allow free access.

to catch anyone who had

Simon Brooks, a spokesman Bridge Trust, said: "We felt it was appropriate to hold a compension because the bridge itself was the result of a

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design competition in 1829.
"I do not believe we can make the bridge suicide proof. If someone really wants to jump, they will. But we can greatly reduce the rate. Research suggests delay can save lives because the desire to jump may be a passing thing."

ised jointly by the trustees and the Royal Institute of British

Phone pest accused of 11,000 calls to charity

By A STAFF REPORTER

A WOMAN was accused yesterday of being Britain's most persistent telephone pest after making more than 11,000 hate calls to a charity.

Carol Underwood, 55, ran up a bill estimated at £20,000 as she terrorised staff of the mental health organisation MIND for more than eight years, once making 344 abusive calls in 24 hours. She racially abused staff and threatened to kill them and their children.

Steve Hadabora, a malicious calls investigator for BT, said the number was the highest he had come across. This woman has been phoning her victims within seconds of them hanging up." Underwood, of Fenny

Drayton, Leicestershire, is awaiting sentence by Hinckley magistrates after being convicted of 20 specimen calls. She had denied the charges at an earlier hearing but was found guilty in her absence. Fourteen other

charges were dismissed. The campaign began when Underwood, who was unemployed, was turned down for one of the charity's support groups. MIND's national director, Judi Clements, said: The calls were extremely abusive and offensive, causgreat distress. They blocked incoming lines, call-ers who genuinely wanted information or help."

Drink-drive ads aim to shame young men

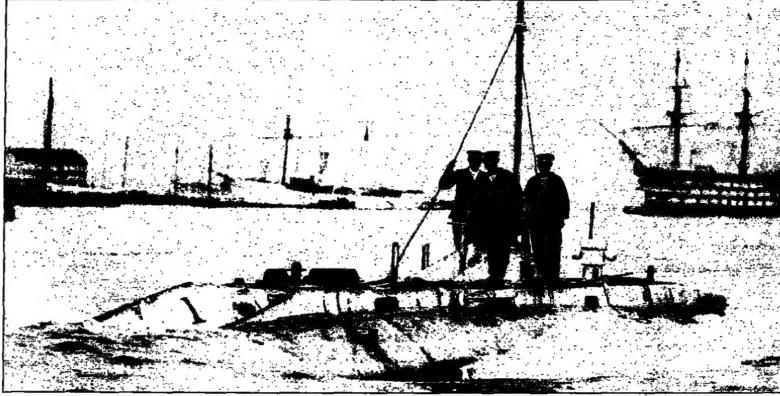
By Jonathan Prynn TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

A CHRISTMAS drink-driving campaign featuring a badly scarred young woman injured in a car driven by her over-thelimit boyfriend was launched by the Government yesterday.
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is aimed at young men who
have resisted all warnings

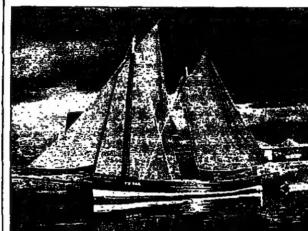
about drink-driving. Research has shown that, while these drivers profess to be unconcerned about the risks to themselves, they fear living with the guilt of harming someone close to them. In the advertisement, shown

for the first time on ITV last night, a woman played by the actress Isobel Raine is seen removing make-up. She says her boyfriend, who caused the crash, has stuck by her, but wonders whether this is only because nobody else would want her. As she removes the last traces of her make-up, a broad scar running from above her eye down her cheek to her chin is revealed. The television campaign

will run for four weeks. There will be a separate radio campaign concentrating on sta-tions popular with the highrisk 17 to 24 age group. In the radio campaign, Silent Night is played while news bulletins on drink-driving accidents are read out. Since 1979 the number of deaths from drinkdriving has fallen from 1,643 to 580 last year, a slight increase on 1994.



Holland I, the Navy's first submarine, at Portsmouth in 1903, with HMS Victory in the background. Both are back in pristine condition



The restored Scottish "fifie" herring drifter Reaper

Great ships may sail again on tide of lottery cash

A PROJECT to restore and reserve some of the historic hips that have contributed to Britain's role as a great maritime nation will be reealed today. The National Historic

Ships Committee, which comoned an I8-month research project, hopes to form a computer database of every ressel over 40ft and 40 tornes built in Britain before 1945 that still lies in home waters. More than 900 ships have been identified in the study. undertaken by the University of St Andrews, which was funded by a grant of £50,000 from the Department of Nat-ional Heritage. Researchers believe there may be 3,000 such craft, some already

and lovingly restored. private hands and are some-

times difficult to trace. The report. Towards a National Policy on Historic Ships, will focus on the database and an evaluation system for assessing the significance of the plans to be developed for their preservation. Captain Colin Allen, secretary of the committee, said: "These ships form part of our beritage and assess them so the most unusual and significant of

national collection. Captain Allen said the report would lead to a debate on how their preservation could be funded. He suggested some of the estimated £5 million required could be provided by the Government or funded from the Heritage

The ships that have already

explorer Edward Lear, who

had a passion for parrots. Mr Sissen, 50, has an inter-

national reputation for breeding macaws. He was given his pair by the biologist Dr John

pair by the biologist Dr John Lernould, who had been asked

by zoos in France and Switzerand to get them to mate but

had no success in three years. Nine other birds were taken

in the raid last Friday. The

thieves bypassed alarm trip-

wires, cut through wire mesh

and broke through the aviary

roof. They were putting birds

into sacks when they triggered

another alarm, then fled

man over oft tall and three

smaller people, possibly child-ren, under 5ft. Mr Sissen, who has 600 birds, said: "They

dropped 60 sacks. I think they

was dumped on a floor in a

sack. Mr Sissen believes its

neighbours to watch out for it.

The total value of the stolen birds is estimated at £100,000.

leading to the safe return of

the birds or conviction of the

throated canindes.

came to clean me out." One blue-throated macaw

Police found footprints of a

across fields to a vehicle.

been saved and returned to pristine condition include HMS Victory and the Reap-er, a Scottish "fifie" herring. drifter built in 1902 and restored by the Scottish Fisheries Museum at Austruther in Fife. Naval ships include the Alliance, an A-class submarine built in 1945, and Holland I, the Navy's first submarine which is being restored for display at the Royal Navy Submarine

Museum. These vessels were not hard to identify as being special. but there could be controver sy over other claims. The Amazon, once owned by Ar-thur Lowe, star of Dag's Army, is claimed to be the oldest steam vacht afloat in British waters. Captain Allen believes, however, that there may be at least two others with the same daim.

Thousands sick after oil spill

Thousands of people living on the south Pembrokeshire coast suffered pollution-related health problems after the Sea Empress oil spill in February.
a survey published by DyfedPowys Health Authority says.
The symptoms included headaches, nausea, sore throats and itchy skin-

Hospital strike

Nurses, porters, domestic staff and cierical workers at four. London hospitals are on a four-day pay strike. Members of Unison at the University College London Hospitals NHS Trust are seeking twice the 3.25 per cent rise offered.

Patient missing

Police warned the public not to approach a mental patient missing from Tameside General Hospital in Greater Manchester since last Thursday. They said Colin Cronin, 30. a schizophrenic, could become

Sinn Fein crash

Martin McGuinness, Sinn Fein's chief negotiator, and a passenger were badly shaken in a multiple pile-up outside Donegal. A woman and her two children, who were travelling in another car, were treated in hospital.

Trop vite

The wife of Eric Cantona, Manchester United's captain, has been booked for speeding Cheshire, Isabelle Cantona, a former university French lec penalty ticket for the offence.

Train memorial

Andrew Hodgkinson, a disabled man who died aged 35, and whose hobby was playing with a toy train, is to have an engine named after him. His mother said: "It comforts me to know his name will travel where he could not go."

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Lears macaw: less than

Thieves steal the slender hopes of a dying species

TWO of the rarest birds in the world have been stolen from the aviary where experts were trying to save the species. The pair of Lears macaws are the only pair in captivity in Europe, and no more than 150 are thought to exist in the wild.

Harry Sissen, owner of the aviary near Northallerton, North Yorkshire, believes that the thieves knew there was a black market for macaws, ben did not realise the rarity of the

He estimated that the pair were worth more than £50,000, but said they would be impossible to sell on the open market: "My fear now is that the thieves will panic and dispose of them. If they have any conscience, I hope they will leave them somewhere safe and make a phone call.
"Breeding rare birds is a very patient business but we had just reached the stage where we were hopeful - and then this happens."

Lears macaws live in the rainforest in northeast Brazil,



International Trade in Endangered Species "critical" list. Discovered in 1856, the bird is named after the Victorian artist, limerick writer and



How whisperers got it wrong on 'wobbly' Heseltine

By Philip Webster and James Landale

THE Tory Euro-sceptics sug-gested through a whispering campaign that Michael Heseltine was "wobbly" on changing the Government's wait-and-see policy on a single

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They encouraged the notion that Kenneth Clarke was the only obstacle but yesterday
Mr Heseltine's words were
anything but wobbly. By ruling out any change to the
Government's position during
this Parliament "and during this Parliament "and during the election campaign. Mr Heseltine went further even than the Chancellor, the Cabi-

net's leading pro-European.

The sceptics' attempt, via
The Daily Telegraph, to force
a change of mind by Mr
Major had blown up in their
faces. Hertil vectorian there faces. Until yesterday there was a chance that Mr Major could reopen the issue. Now the armlock of Mr Clarke and Mr Heseltine on Mr Major was tighter than ever.

It had all seemed relatively simple on April 3 when Mr Major, having at last persuaded Mr Clarke to accept that the Tories would hold a referendum if the Cabinet decided to join a monetary union, said that the Tories would be keeping their options open at the election.

Telegraph reported that Mr.

Major had decided that Brit-

ain could not go into a single

currency in the first wave and

would be trying to convince

Mr Clarke to drop his opposi-tion so the Tories could fight

. Mr Clarke would have none

Downing Street, inadver-

tently it appears, helped the

story to run by saying that the Government would take a

decision on EMU when it was

appropriate to take a deci-sion". It did not say that the

decision would not be taken

until after the election. This

offered the sceptics hope.

When they looked again at Mr Major's article in *The Times* they noted that it, too, did not

specifically rule out a change

before the election. Late on

Monday, however, The Times

learnt from authoritative

Downing Street sources that

the sceptics were barking up the wrong tree. Mr Major was not about to change his

Yesterday morning after more bad headlines Downing

Street sought to end talk of

split with Mr Clarke. It point-

ed to a parliamentary answer

from him on October 16 which

said the decision on the single currency was not one "for the

lifetime of the current

It was almost enough. But

even then the textual analysts

saw the escape hatch. Ruling

Parliament did not, they said.

otally prevent the Tories

changing their line after the dissolution of Parliament and

policy was now far more

remote than it had ever been.

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in time for the election.

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Parliament".

of it, denouncing the idea in Brussels on Monday as pre-

the election on that stance.

That was a position Mr Major hoped to use to keep his party together right up until polling day. No such luck. Towards the end of the summer the argument was raging again. Mr Major feared that his party conference at Bournemouth would be dominated by Europe. He took the unusual step of writing an article for The Times on October 5 which again spelt out the advantages of the optionsopen policy, emphasising that Britain needed to be on the

inside negotiating, irrespec-tive of whether it ever joined.

His ploy succeeded. But behind the scenes, Cabinet ministers were briefing that, maybe early next year, they would try to reopen the argument. The need for the Tories to take a more sceptical pos-ition was heightened, in their eyes, by Labour's decision to match the referendum pledge. But on Monday The Daily

SINGLE CURRENCY: WHAT THEY SAID

John Major, Apr 3: "Britain has an option ... of deciding whether or not to join a single currency even if the others go ahead. Because we will be keeping our option open at the next general election, we have decided to make a commitment in our manifesto that, if the Government decided to join a single currency during the next single currency during the next Parliament, that decision would be subject to confirmation in a referendum,"

Kenneth Clarks, Sep 20: "The sensible thing is for us to make an informed choice at the sensible time, which will be after the election when these negolations are complete."

John Major, Sep 28: "If any-body thinks they are rolling me off my position of staying in the negotiations until I am ab-solutely certain that I have wrung everything out of those negotiations in the British in-terest, then they are westing their time and breath."

John Major, Oct 5: "To rush into a premature decision to detach ourselves from the debate about Europe's future would mean we could neither

Malcolm Riffdind, Oct 9: "To force a decision now just to differentiate ourselves from Labour would be to put party before country, and I suggest the party would not be impressed."

Kenneth Clarke, Oct 16: "The Government's policy remains that no decision will be taken either way on participation in the third stage during the lifetime of the current Parliament."

John Major, Dec 3: "The Gov-ernment set out its position some time ago, it set it out perfectly clearly. Nothing has changed except speculation." Michael Heseltine, Dec 3: "We are not going to change our position in the election cam-paign or in this Parliament."

Mr Heseltine then went to work on BBC Radio 4's The World at One. Mr Major later confirmed both that the April 5 statement and Mr Heseltine's view was the unequivocal government position. Any change in the wait-and-see

Beckett given bigger role beyond Brown's shadow

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

TONY BLAIR has intervened in a frontbench "turf war" to give Margaret Beckett a high-profile role in winning busi-ness support for Labour in the run-up to the general election.

The Labour leader has acted to prevent Mrs Beckett being marginalised in her trade and industry job by Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, who is accused by senior figures of dominating policymaking. Senior frontbenchers have suggested that her portfolio is in danger of being taken over by Mr Brown's increasingly power-ful Treasury team, although she has fought off their ad-

try policy areas. Senior Labour figures acknowledge that Mrs Beckett, who took over as acting party leader after John Smith's death, is a valuable asset who

vances into trade and indus-

has been underused in recent months. Her experience as a former government minister and the backbench support she received in the party deputy leadership contest are seen as important reasons for giving her an enhanced role

over the coming months.

Although leadership sources dismiss as "farfetched" suggestions that her higher profile is aimed primarily at attracting more women voters, they acknowledge that the party needs to make better use of its topranking women. Alongside Harriet Harman, Clare Short and Ann Taylor, Mrs Beckett is seen as important in emphasising Labour's com-mitment to promoting able

women to senior positions. Mrs Beckett's eight-strong trade and industry team will play an increasingly prominent part in wooing business leaders and countering Tory pre-election claims to be the party that protects Britain's companies. A frontbencher said: "We are realistic and know that big business is not going to run to Labour, but we are neutralising claims that

we are a threat to business." Mrs Beckett and her colleagues, in particular Geoff Hoon, will co-ordinate efforts to ensure that business leaders are given a better understanding of Labour policy by means of meetings and speeches through the winter.

IN PARLIAMENT

However you read the polls, Tories have much to do

our points up one month, three points down the next. The opinion polls seem to be painting a confusing picture. One month the Tories seem at last to be mounting a strong recovery: the next, Labour is confirming its huge lead. Indeed, even during the same month, one poll may be seen as good news for the Tories, and the next, a few days later, as good for Labour. The truth, as almost always with polls, is less dramatic than the headlines, though no more comfort-ing for the Tories.

Some of the contrast reflects differences in the way polls are compiled. Pollsters disagree about the best method of producing a sample represen-tative of the adult population. MORI, which conducts the regular polls for The Times, interviews on a face-to-face basis, while ICM, which car-ries out polls for The Guardian, has switched to telephone

More significant are the adjustments that some pollsters, notably ICM and NOP, make to the figures to take account of the so-called spiral of silence, the alleged reluctance of some voters to admit voting Tory when the party is generally unpopular. Some elderly voters, more Tory than younger people, are reluctant to answer questions. NOP and ICM adjust the don't knows in relation to past votes or to the party with which they most closely identify. MORI and Gallup do not. Adjusted polls have put the Tories three or four points higher than unadjusted ones, and have reduced Labour's ratings by a similar amount. That can make a big difference to the headline Labour lead.

Each of the four main national polls has shown big variations on an unadjusted basis, with alternating gains and losses for the main parties from month to month. This does not mean that the polls are wrong. There is an inevitable margin of error in all samples which produces some fluctuations in the figures. More to the point, people change their mind.

As Robert Worcester of MORI writes in the latest

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issue of British Public Opinion, for many people, political judgments as to which party to support are not deeply held convictions based on their values and thought-through attitudes, but upon the political opinions of the day, blown about in the winds of the media and the appearances of political leaders on the box.

Such external political stimuli
are always higher in the
autumn with the party conference season and the Queen's Speech, reinforced this year by the intensification of cam-paigning ahead of the general

On this basis some of the recent fluctuations are less surprising and reflect the short-term impact of, say, good publicity about a particu-lar event, which is then reversed, partially or wholly, the following month. Nonetheless. some trends are discernible. Tory support was in the 24 to 27 per cent range at the beginning of October before rising to around 29 to 33 per cent by the end of the month. and staying there during first half of November.

y contrast, Labour moved from a range of 54 to 57 per cent down down to between 48 and 54 per cent by early-to-mid Novem-ber. A couple of polls, including one from MORI, were just outside that range. The main apparently deviant poll from NOP in mid-November put the Tories on 26 per cent and Labour on 56 per cent. Unadjusted figures from the latest ICM poll put Labour on the top end of the recent range at 53 per cent with the Tories below the bottom end at 27 per

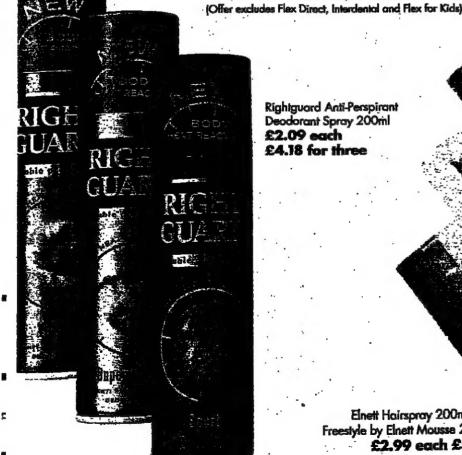
The main lessons are to compare results from the same pollsters and ignore small variations which may reflect temporary blips. What matters is underlying trends and these currently point to a slow, patchy, Tory recovery which has yet really to undermine Labour's commanding position so near an election.

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Russian pit strike alarms Kremlin

Coalminers demand back pay and change of leaders

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

RUSSIA'S vast coal-mining industry virtually ground to a halt yesterday, after hundreds of thousands of unpaid miners went on an indefinite strike demanding back wages and the dismissal of the Government.

In one of the most serious post-Soviet industrial actions, about 400,000 miners from the coal-producing areas of the Russian Far East, Siberia, northern and southern Rus-sia, closed about 188 of the country's 258 pits.

The stoppage was being taken very seriously by the Kremlin, not only because the lack of coal could cause power and heating cuts in the middle of winter, but also because the included political demands in

their list of grievances. The strike is huge probably the biggest, involving about 80 per cent of all Russian miners," Vitali Budko. the head of the Independent Union of Coal Miners, said.

The trade union wants the Government to quit because it is unable to guarantee the civil rights of the people and un-



Russian miners rally yesterday in Novokusnetsk, Siberia, as they shut down 188 pits, fuelling fears of heating cuts in the depth of winter

industry workers and that the

entire region could face heat-

ing and power cuts with

temperatures presently at -22C

ening." Mr Trutnev said.

"Aside from the usual de-

mands for wages and more

subsidies, the miners are now

including political issues. This

is the first time they have

The situation is very threat-

not our aim, it is our cry of despair, to make them negotiate with us."

The tactic appeared to be working last night as Aleksandr Livshits, the Finance Minister, ordered emergency payments to be made to cover the Government's 1.5 trillion rouble (£177 million) debt to

the industry. Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Prime Minister, attending the Organisation for Security and

Co-operation in Europe summit in Lisbon, may fly directly to the Kuzbass region of Siberia, Russia's largest coalproducing region, where some, of the most militant miners

are on strike. Aleksandr Trutnev, the editor of the daily Kuzbass newspaper in the regional capital. Kemerovo, said the mood had turned very ugly at the mines, where nearly 90 per cent of the pits were shut because many

months. He added that there demanded the sacking of the were fears that the stoppages Government." could extend to the power The Kuzbass region has

used its powerful labour force with success in the past. The miners led the first serious stoppage in July 1989 against the former Soviet authorities and subsequently supported Boris Yeltsin against Communist hardliners in 1991.

This time, however, there is Kremlin leader, who is expectto tackle the pressing prob-lems of unpaid wages not only to the miners but to the military, the public sector and

Nikolai Kozlovsky, a mem ber of the strike committee in the Kuzbass region of Proko-pyevsk, said the time for talking was over. "If our economic demands are not met, we must undertake such political actions that will shake the whole of Russia," he

court judges joined the chorus of opposition, as 10,000 students began a

sixteenth straight day of Belgrade demonstrations over disputed local

elections. Undeterred, Mr Milosevic

Chemical weapons: Bosnian Mus-

lims produced chemical weapons dur-

shut two student-run radio stations.

Maastricht criteria. Signor Berlusconi said Signor Prodi would have to risk further public anger and im-pose another "mini-budget"

Signor Prodi, who faces insisted his coalition was "robust" and promised to reimburse the Euro tax once Italy was "safely inside Europe".

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FROM RICHARD OWEN

Berlusconi

says single

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SILVIO BERLUSCONL the leader of Italy's Centre Right opposition; predicted yesterday that the Government of Prime Minister, would fail to meet the Maastricht criteria for economic and monetary union (EMU) and would collapse next year. He offered to replace the

centre-left coalition with a government of national unity" to guide Italy into an integrated Europe and oversee constitutional reform. Signor Berlusconi told his Forza Italia party that the Prodi Gov-May vowing to last five years, would fall next spring. Signor Prodi has said he

will resign if the tough 1997 budget fails to "get us into Europe". Tensions within the centre-left coalition over the budget became increasingly fraught this week, after the lira re-entered the exchangerate mechanism.

Lamberto Dini, the Foreign Minister and leader of the centrist Italian Renewal Party, accused Signor Prodi of bowing to the bard-left Rifondazione Comunista by failing to tackle deep structur-al problems in the economy as a result of overspending on asions and welfare benefits. The Government depends on Rifondazione for its majority in parliament and has proposed tax increases, including an unpopular one-off "Euro tax", to meet the

when it became clear the Government was going to fall short of the EMU targets.

A row between Armenia and Azerbaijan over the disputed Nagorno-Karabakh enclave threatened to block the summit communique of the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe yesterday (Michael Evans writes). However, the 54-nation gathering in Lisbon agreed to set aside the dispute and ended their two-day summit with a pledge that all countries should enjoy security and peace in the 21st century.

Chechen contest

Grozny: Colonel Aslan Maskhadov, leader of Chechnya's independence fighters who have humiliated the Russian Army, said he planned to run in the presidential election expected in January (Reuter)

Hostage talks

Srinagar: Two FBI officers met Kashmir police to discuss the fate of four Westerners two of them British - kidnapped 17 months ago, officials said. A British diplomat joined the meeting. (AFP)

Afghan aid plea

Kabul: International aid organisations have launched an appeal to raise \$133 million (£79 million) for emergency humanitarian relief, including mine clearance and medical aid, in Afghanistan. (Reuter)

Kurds evacuated

Ankara: The American evacuation of nearly 4,500 Kurdish aid workers and their families from northern Iraq to Guam in the Pacific will begin today, a Turkish Foreign Ministry spokesman said. (AFP)

Unseen force

Milan: Police may charge 50 so-called fortune tellers with fraud after surprise raids on homes and offices across Italy. The flying squad said: They didn't predict being investigated." (Reuter)

Mladic: stepped down

Britain vows to pursue Bosnia war criminals

By MICHAEL EVANS DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

INDICTED war criminals still at large in Bosnia were sent a warning yesterday that their days of freedom may

soon be over. The failure to hand over the vast majority of indicted war criminals to the international Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia in The Hague has been an embarrassment for the West, which is committed to implementing all aspects of the Dayton peace accord.

That included a pledge to deal with war crimes. Yesterday, on the eve of a Bosnia peace implementation conference in London to map out the next stages of the reconciliation and reconstruction programme, a senior British official said next year there would have to be a much greater focus on arresting indicted criminals and providing re-

sources for the Hague tribunal.

So far 74 individuals have been indicted for war crimes, covering 17 separate incidents, including the alleged massacre at Srebrenica. Those indicted include General Ratko

Mladic, who recently quit as com-mander of the Bosnian Serb army. Only one person has been convicted, Drazen Erdemovic, sentenced last week to ten years' jail for taking part in the massacre of 1,200 Muslims near Srebrenica. Six others are in custody.

To handle the complex investigations, the tribunal has a budget this year of \$35 million (£21 million). The budget has risen steadily from \$276,000 in 1993. The London talks, involving 56

ing the war in Bosnia but stopped making them early this year after the fighting ended, according to Jane's Intelligence Review. countries, come amid increasing pres-sure on President Milosevic, the Serbi-

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US documents show Nazis hid £1bn loot in Argentina

From Bronwen Maddox in Washington

NAZIS secretly sent more than \$1 billion to Argentina in the last month of the Second World War in Europe as they scoured the world for safe havens for their funds, according to newly declassified war-

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time documents. The American papers, sent from the US Embassy in Buenos Aires to the Sexretary of State in Washington and held in the National Archives, have been released by the World Jewish Congress, which has been making property of American and American States of American Sta ous use of American freedom of information laws to extract clues to the trail of Nazi funds.

Jewish efforts to trace the huge wealth confiscated from Holocaust victims have gathered pace in the past year after congressional hearings and US legal challenges by vic-tims relatives to banks in several countries.

Argentina's large Jewish community believes that much of the looted wealth found its way to that country. Argentina was a safe haven for Nazis such as Adolf Eichmann, one of the architects of the Holocaust, and former SS Captain Erich Priebke, extradited last year to Italy.

The papers, released on Monday, include a letter from Henry Morgenthau, the Treasury Secretary, in February 1945 saying that Nazis had penetrated the Argentine economy. The letter to the acting Secretary of State said: "Argentina is not only a likely refuge for Nazi criminals but also has been and still is the focal point of Nazi financial and economic activity in this hemisphere."

According to estimates in the report, the Nazis invested \$500 million in Argentine companies, \$500 million in farms and ranches, \$105 million in banks and \$40 million in insurance companies. The estimates do not include cash sent through European middiemen or from the German Government. The estimates

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ports and conjecture", according to the documents, because American officials were not in contact with Argentine authorities who could confirm the figures.

However, last week the Argentine Central Bank gave officials from the Simon Wiesenthal Centre in Los Angeles five volumes of records on funds transferred from banks in Switzerland, Spain and Portugal to Argentina between 1939 and 1949. The centre is one of the most active Jewish groups in America pursuing the question of funds looted by the Nazis. ☐ Zurich: Switzerland's official report on whether its citizens pocketed unclaimed

wealth of Holocaust victims as

compensation for property

nationalised in Eastern Eu-

rope, due today, has been delayed for about a week,

Thomas Borer, head of the report task force, said

Brad Rodgers, third from right, winner of the Miss Victoria Fundraiser competition, lines up with other contestants in Melbourne. His victory qualifies him for the finals of the Miss Australia contest the first time a man has qualified for the contest. Mr Rodgers, 27, raised more than A\$100,000 (£47,000) for

Victory for gender blender
the Spastic Society of Australia, testants to raise money. He hoped

which earns about A\$5 million a year from the contest for its cerebral palsy centres. Mr Rodgers, a department store manager, said he entered the petition after helping other con-

his participation would help to dispel the award's lingering reputation as a beauty pageant and encourage other men to enter. "I'm

ment for blokes, but I do hope i'll be the first of many more to come. I'm not into that gender specific stuff."
The Miss Australia contest, an
Australian institution in the 1950s and 1960s, was dropped in the fate 1980s in the face of criticism that it was exploitative and patron-





The great white shark, now a protected species

55 per cent FROM ROGGE MAYNARD IN SYDNEY

office may have played a factor. He had championed the republican cause, but his species off Australia's east coast, prompting calls for a worldwide hunting ban. anti-British venom and loutish parliamentary behaviour ap-

ation, the great white, which port for the idea. The Flerald conceded yes can grow to 18ft and 25 tonnes, is not the man-eater of terday: "It is possible that the myth. A total of 527 shark attacks have been recorded in Mr Keating may be behind Australia since 1788, 184 of them fatal. The whaler shark the boost in support." What is significant is that a

has been responsible for most of these, according to John West, 200logist at Taronga, Zoo in Sydney.

"Years of irrational hatred crucial majority of people in most states now support the change — a fundamental requirement of a referendum. John Howard, the Prime and indiscriminate hunting have taken their toll. Bob Minister, will agree to a vote only if there are signs of huge Martin, fisheries minister for public support. "It has got to New South Wales, said. be something that the bulk of Marine biologists estimate that some 100 million sharks a the community are taken along with," the Liberal leader said this week.

year are killed by humans. The protected status for the great white, Carcharodon carcharias, will extend 1,160 miles along the coast and three nautical miles offshore. But Mr Howard, who backs the monarchist tradition, is reluctant to give the matter priority for fear of unnecessar-ily dividing the nation. Anyone found killing or pos-sessing a shark can be fined £10,000 and/or jailed for six

Son of mercy-killing

man switches camps

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN CANBERRA

But the poll indicates that the mood is changing, even among the Liberal Party's months. The great white is also protected in the waters off South Africa, California conservative voters. The pres-sure on Mr Howard to hold a referendum before the turn of the century will be intense.



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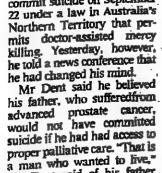
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MOVES to declare Australia a Christmas at Sainsbury's. republic strengthened yesterday after an opinion poll revealed that support for cutting royal ties with Britain had Sharks safe from Man reached a new high level. The Sydney Morning Herald-AGB McNair survey the predator found 55 per cent favoured a Now that's a good idea. republic, an increase of 4 per FROM REUTER cent in just ower a year. The paper claimed that the departure of Paul Keating, the former Prime Minister, from IN SYDNEY THE great white shark, demonised in the film Jaws, yesterday became a protected





Mr Dent said of his father

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A SON of the first man to commit legally sanctioned eu-thanasia is now fighting the law that allowed his father to

and the Maldives.

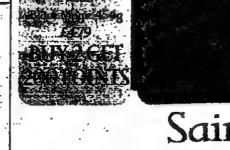
ministered a lethal drug dose. The Northern Territory's legislature was the first in the world to pass a law sanction-ing cuthanasia for terminally ill patients. The Australian parliament is considering a

end his life.

Rod Dent, 40, enthusiastically supported legalised mercy killing immediately after his father, 80b, 66, became the first terminally ill patient to commit suicide on September. Bill which, if passed, would override the legislation.
Supporters of the proposed federal law include John Howard, the Prime Minister, and several senior Cabinet ministers. They argue that euthanssia is morally wrong and that more should be done to provide pain relief for terminally ill patients

Mr Dent, an active member of the governing Liberal Party, said he had changed his mind on moral grounds. He denied accusations by pro-euthanasia groups that his altered stand had been influenced by polit-







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Fabled gold-digging 'ant' unmasked

Explorer buries myth and saves reputation of Herodotus

FROM BEN MACINTYRE

A FRENCH explorer has solved a 2500-year-old mystery surrounding the "gold-digging anis" of the Hima-layas. The "anis" were first mentioned by the Greek histo-rian, Herodotus, and then sought in vain by Alexander the Great and Suleiman the Magnificent before being dismissed as a myth by modern classical scholars.
Michel Peissel, an anthro-

plogist and fellow of the Royal Geographical Society who has spent more than 30 years exploring remote areas of Tibet, says that the "ants" described by Herodotus in the marmots, mountain rodents which still push gold-bearing sand to the surface from their burrows high in the Himala-yas. In Book Three of his Histories, Herodotus describes how "warlike" Indian tribes 25 centuries ago would set out in search of these "ants of great size — bigger than foxes and smaller than dogs' whose excavations left behind piles of sand rich in gold.

Dr Peissel recently obtained permission to explore the Karakoram mountains of Balti-stan, along the ceasefire line between Pakistan and India. where he discovered a marmot population digging in the gold-bearing soil of the Dansar plain overlooking the

These creatures, as they burrow underground, throw up the sand in heaps, just as ants in Greece throw up the





Herodotus, top left, mistakenly wrote about "ants" digging up gold in the Himalayas, but he was not all wrong - they were marmots

earth," Herodotus wrote. "The gold, and it is this that the Indians are after when they go into the desert.

The belief that the fabled liggers were insects appears to have arisen from a mistranslation. The marmot (Arctomys Himalayanas) was known as a "mountain ant" in ancient Persian, a language which Herodotus had not fully mastered, according to the French explorer.

"The idea that animals were delivering gold to humans was like a dream," Dr Peissel said. Intrigued by the story of these lucrative natural gold-miners. Alexander the Great and his troops were the first to go in search of Herodotus's ants in the 4th century BC.

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Alexander was followed by a stream of treasure hunters, scientists and adventurers, in cluding Suleiman the Magnificent, the 16th-century Ottoman Sultan, and Sir Aurel Stein, the Britishnaturalised scholar and archaeologist. All were disappointed, and in 1970 Professor A.T. Burns, the classical scholar, insisted that Herodotus had been "imprudent in repeating such an

extravagance", calling it "a remarkable tall story". Dr Peissel was travelling on the Indian side of the 10,000ft Dansar plain in 1983 when he learnt that the local Minaro people had a long tradition of collecting gold from the mountains. He wrote a report for the Royal Geographical Society

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suggesting a possible link with the Herodotus story, but it was not until this year that Dr Peissel finally obtained per mission from Islamabad to visit the disputed military area between India and Pakistan. Accompanied by Sebastian Guinness, the British explorer

and heir to the brewing fortune. Dr Peissel travelled to the Dansar plateau in Baltistan and observed marmots burrowing down to dark. gold-bearing strata of sand at a depth of some 3ft. The Minaro people collected the gold 2,500 years ago and continued the practice until recently when military activity restricted access to the region, according to Professor Mu-

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Dr Peissel's discovery may have brought an end to what Greek Eldorado — the longest treasure hunt in history", but the heat will have driven the it has also vindicated Herodotus, whose account of the gold

mining "ants" was so often held to be fantasy. The great Greek chronicler, known as the "Father of History", may have left another clue to the true identity of the "ants" when he noted that "some specimens, which were caught there, are kept in the palace of

the Persian king".

Ants would have been unlikely to survive the journey to Persia whereas the marmot, a sort of hard-bitten hamster measuring some 2ft when fully grown, would have made a rather more appropriate

regal pet. Herodotus describes how the gold-hunters travelled on camels and waited until noon to collect the sand "when

ants underground".
"When the Indians reach the place where the gold is, they fill the bags they have brought with them with sand and start for home again as fast as they can go; for the ants .. smell them and at once give chase; nothing in the world can match these ants for

Marmots are not noted for their speed, but as Dr Peissel points out "they probably would attack if you interfered with them. There is no known case, however, of a marmot bringing down a

Christmas Cracker

and Socks, the cat, the least controversial members of America's First Family, have taken centre stage in prepara-tions: for, Christmas at the White House this year (Tom Rhodes writes).

speed," Herodotus wrote.

Chelsea's

A passionate ballet dancer

looted treasures FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN television that he had bought GERMANY could barely two Dutch paintings from the conceal its irritation yesterday Hermitage Museum. The as Russia put on a dazzling display of 89 drawings and paintings, he said, originally came from the Dresden Pic watercolours by some of the ture Gallery. Goya to Van Gogh, looted from private collections in the

Second World War. These are fantastic drawings that have preserved their aura over the decades." Mikhail Piotrovsky, director of the Hermitage Museum in St Petersburg, said. The German media shared

his enthusiasm but was dis-pleased about the lack of progress in returning the drawings to their original

chaotic final days of the

Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, is known to be equally dismayed, having urged President Yeltsin on several occasions to speed up the work of a Russian-German team considering how to

divide up the treasu The exhibition in St Petershurg, Der Spiegel magazine said, was compiled of "essen-

tially stolen pieces which the understandable desire for revenge — but in. defiance of international law carried off from the conquered

On display: The

works on display vesterday were taken mainly from a Berlin air raid shelter in 1945. Three great German collectors — insurance mag-nate Otto Gerstenberg, industrialists Friedrich Siemens and Bernhard Kochler - had stored their pictures there, in the hope that they would escape damage from bombs. smoke and fire.

Gerstenberg collected Goya drawings, 35 of which were on and his Van Gogh. Boats on in radiant blues and yellows. was the prize piece in the St. Petersburg exhibition which also included art works by. Delacroix. Cezanne and Toulouse-Lautrec.

of "booty art" in Russia, and German nerves are beginning to crack. In part this is because there are fears that the Russian museums, hard up for cash, may be quietly selling off works which, in terms of international law, do not belong to them. Vladimir Bynzalov, a Russian millionaire and failed presidential candidate, caused a stir in Bonn after telling German

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Mr Piotrovsky and the Dresden curators have denied this, but it has piled the pressure on German politicians to reach a quick settlement with Russia before works really trickle away. For significant election boost if he were to secure the return of some of the key works over the next year. The Russian firmly set against any deal.

Russia possesses more than a million German art treasures, plus two million books and historical archives which occupy about two miles of Stalin had the idea of constructing a huge gallery to unconsciously mimicking

Special Russian hind the front line, moving from castle to cave to bombed out gaileries in olentiv. In 1945

alone, 24 railway wagons of art treasures left Germany for the former Soviet Union. Thousands of other pieces were privately plundered by

international sympathy for the Germans in their cam ireasures. The nagging suspicion that at least some of the works confiscated by the Russians had been earlier stolen by Nazi Germany, whose ers had methodically trawled occupied countries and Jewish homes diluted its moral case. But yesterday's exhibi tion, to fin antil March. involves uncontroversial pieces legitimately acquired and of undisputed ownership.

Otto Gerstenberg, for example, had his initials and the winged symbol of his insur ance company stamped on the Goya portfolio when he bought it in 1971. This identifies the displayed works as his. Two of his grandchildren are trying to lodge legal claims against Russia in an attempt to reclaim them.

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Gibraltar job goes to minister who quit over Falklands

Fear on Rock as civilian is chosen to be Governor

By Dominique Searle in gibraltar AND MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

SIR RICHARD LUCE, the former Foreign Office minister who resigned after the Argentine invasion of the Falkland Islands in 1982, is to break a 300-year-old tradition by becoming the first civilian Governor of Gibraltar.

The present Governor, Admiral Sir Hugo White, who took up the post only a year ago, has stepped down because of his wife's ill health. Sir Hugo, who was regarded as a potential future First Sea Lord, is also retiring from the Royal Navy.
The appointment of Sir

Richard, also a former Arts Minister, added to fears in Gibraltar that the British Government is changing its policy towards the Rock. The biggest concern has been over the planned reorganisation of Nato commands. Gibraltar, a British dependent territory, is atraid that it will be absorbed into a new command under

Peter Caruana, Gibraltar's Chief Minister, said yesterday that he had been told about the decision to appoint a civilian Governor last week without consultation. He said that the Rock preferred a military Governor, especially with the imminent Nato changes and the reduction in British forces in Gibraltar.

However, Foreign Office sources said that the appointment of Sir Richard, with his Whitehall and political background, should be welcomed by Gibraltarians as "the best-

man for the job". There was no significance, they said, in the decision to appoint the first civilian Governor. It merely showed that times had changed and it was felt that a man of Sir Richard's experience would be ideal for the Crown appointment.

Sir Hugo made his decision to step down after his wife



Sir Richard: resigned after Falklands attack

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suffered a serious illness requiring treatment in Britain. The change in Governor will coincide with a downgrading of the post of Com-mander British Forces Gib-raltar. Major-General Simon Pack, of the Royal Marines, is being replaced in April next year by Commodore Sym Taylor.

The residence of the commander, a high-prestige prop-erty called The Mount worth £4 million, is also being sold. The new commander will be found a suitable married quarters home.

Like his predecessors, Sir Richard will be Commanderin-Chief of Gibraltar and will live at the Governor's residence, a former Franciscan house built in 1503 and known as The Convent.

Sir Richard joined Lord Carrington, then Foreign Secretary, in resigning as a Minister of State at the Foreign Office in April 1982 four days after the invasion of the Falklands. They resigned after taking personal responsibility for the failure to warn the Government of an imminent Argentine attack on the Falklands, despite ominous signs of an Argentine build-up of troops on the mainland.

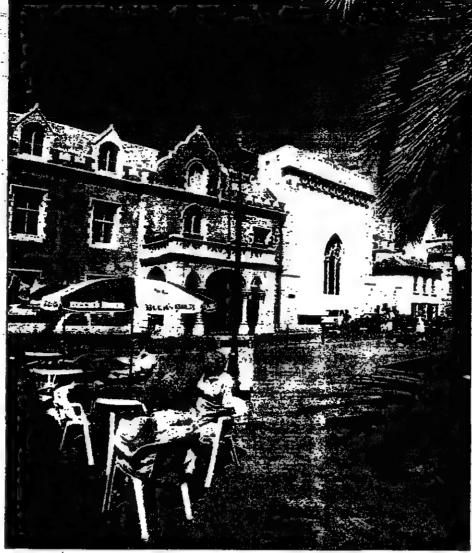
However, Sir Richard was brought back into the Government in 1983, again as Minister of State at the Foreign Office, although his portfolio did not include Argentina or the Falkland Islands.

He moved from the Foreign Office in 1985 and was ap-pointed Minister of State in the Privy Council Office and Minister for the Arts. He was regarded as a successful Arts Minister who won crucial additional resources for the arts. At present, he is Vice-Chancellor of the University of

The Spanish Government professed "absolute indifferproached for a reaction to Sir Richard's appointment (Tunku Varadarajan writes from Madrid), adding that Spain's policy on the Rock remained "totally unchanged by any change of Governor". Inocencio Arias, Director-General of the Diplomatic

information Office and the Spanish Government's senior spokesman on external affairs, said that he had no reaction to offer on a matter that is purely internal to Great

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Sir Richard Luce's future residence as Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Gibraltar is a former Franciscan house built in 1503 and known as The Convent

Wealth of history awaits colony's new knight errant

By James Landale and Domenique Searle

SIR RICHARD LUCE would seem a natural for the governorship of Gibraltar. His father, Lord William year - and has two sons. Luce, was a Deputy Gover-nor-General of Sudan and the last British Resident in the Alexander and Edward.

Born in 1936, Sir Richard was educated at - and ran away from - Wellington College and later read history at

Christ's College, Cambridge. In 1960 he went to Kenya as a district officer for two years. But he always had a hankering for politics. He almost beat Shirley

(now Baroness) Williams for Hitchin in 1970 but entered the Commons a year later for the safe seat of Arundel and Shoreham, with a 30,000 majority. An old-style patrician Tory, he was respected for his kindness and decency. He maintained a low profile and eschewed the press. Pavoured Margaret Thatcher, then Prime Minister, he was soon made a junior minister at the Foreign Office.

Sir Richard, who was knighted in 1991 and retired at the last general election in 1992, is now Vice-Chancellor of the University of Buckingham. In April 1961, he married a Tory MP's secretary,

Pope pleads

Rose Nicholson - whose sister. Emma, defected to the Uberal Democrats earlier this

Official sources yesterday confirmed that Sir Richard will take up office and resi-dence at the former Franciscan house known as The Convent, built in 1503 but comandeered when the British took the Rock in 1704.

Sir Richard's appointment comes shortly before the downgrading of the post of Commander British Forces, which will release Gibraltar's second grand residence. The Mount is eventually expected to become the Governor of

Gibraltar's residence. Sir Richard will continue to hold the post of Commanderin-Chief. As Governor, he can expect to lead a gracious life. The Convent is by far the most elegant address on the Rock.

Damaged in the Great Siege of 1779-83, it was extensively renovated in 1863 by Lieutenant-General Sir William Codrington, then Governor. It boasts a ballroom, banqueting hall, an exquisite drawing room, cloisters and a

The garden, extensive by Gibraltar's standards, has a

wizened old Dragon tree. thought to have been planted At formal dinners the Gov-

ernor lays the keys of the city on a cedarwood table made from the remains of Spanish vessels that failed to reconquer the Rock in 1782.

In spring a champagne garden party is held in the Convent's private botanic gar-dens, which also have a swimming pool and tennis courts. Concerts are held in the ballroom.

The Convent houses the offices for the Foreign Office cross the Andalusian-style patio and brush past the giant figure of General Elliott, carved from the bowsprit of a

Spanish war vessel. Sir Richard is to maintain the colourful ceremonial tradition and will wear a headdress and uniform for parades. With his wife he will be required to take on the patronage of the many charities and institutions, which include the magnificent garri-son library building still owned by "the serving officers" of the Rock. The library was built in

1804 and remains almost

Holy cities battle for riches of millennial mammon

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER

TWO of the holiest places on Earth, Israeli-controlled Nazareth and Bethlehem, run by the Palestinian Authority, are wying to secure the lion's share of the multimillion-dollar nourist bonanza from millen-

nium celebrations.
Yesterday Israel unveiled
Nazareth 2000, a \$100 million
(E62.5 million) scheme to
rransform the rundown Galilee city, home to 60,000 Israeli Arabs, into a thriving pilgrim-age centre complete with reli-gious theme park and eight

new hotels.

The drive to lure visitors to the city coincided with predic tions of an influx to Israel of en million to 15 million tourists between 1997 and 2000.

Aiready teams of workmen are busy repairing and widening streets, blighted by endless 'Nazareth does not deliver what the modern pilgrim ex-pects to see," said Michael Marmary of the Tourism Ministry. The city suffers from an incomplete, rundown and neglected municipal and tourism infrastructure."

Bell-towers representing cities worldwide, a museum, restaurant and spice garden are included in the project. according to a 32-page glossy brochure. Han Oren, project manager, dismissed the claim that Nazareth 2000 was aimed at luring pilgrims away from Bethlehem. But an Israeli official said that no similar funds would be given to Bethlehem.

Israel is also planning to transform the nearby site of Armageddon, now known as Megiddo. With sound and light shows, holograms and actors in period dress, sceptics have dubbed the enterprise "Apocalypso".

Palestinians are fearful that events in Bethlehem will be overshadowed. "It is unfair." said one Christian gift-shop owner. "As the birthplace of Jesus, this should be the obvious focal point to mark 2,000 years since the

Bethlehem's attempt to raise \$300 million from international sources has been hit by the the veteran Mayor who doubles as Minister of Tourism. Months of closure of the West Bank by the Israelis have added to the problems.

Yassir Arafat, President of the authority, has appointed a committee of 17 academics, led by Mr Freij, to spearhead the improved infrastructure in the ramshackle West Bank city of 20,000. Forecasts were for five million people to visit during 1999 alone, but with intifada slogans still daubed on shop

becoming Public Security Minister, in charge of the Mr Ben-Yair's office also

insisted on an inquiry which led to the indictment of Yaacov Neeman, a former Justice Minister, on charges of perjury and obstructing justice. Ehud Olmert, the Mayor of Jerusalem who is another prominent member of Mr Netanyahu's Likud Party, is

also due to stand trial. He has been indicted on charges of fraud, forgery and breach of trust arising from the 1988 elections. There was speculation that Mr Ben-Yair had been forced

to resign by political pressure, but he cited the huge workload imposed on his office. His resignation becomes eff-

Legal scourge of Israel's political elite stands down

for Church in China

Rome: The Pope made a public appeal to China yester-day to legalise the Roman Catholic Church and allow members to worship openly (Our Foreign Staff write).

An American-based Catholie group said, meanwhile, that about 80 members of the underground Catholic Church have been arrested, beaten and jailed in a district of Jiangxi province. Catholics in China are allowed to worship openly only if they belong to the state-sponsored Catholic Patriotic Association.

Trial for envoy

Paris: President Mobutu of Zaire will allow Ramazani Baya, his Ambassador to Paris, to stand trial for a road accident in which two boys were killed in the South of France, an aide said. (Reuter)

Dawn Fraser ill

Sydney: Dawn Fraser, 59, the Australian former swimming star, is stable in hospital after a suspected heart attack. She was taken ill while on holiday in the New South Wales town of Griffith. (AFP)



MICHAEL BEN-YAIR, ISTA-

el's Attorney-General, resigned suddenly yesterday after a turbulent period in office under the Government of Binyamin Netanyahu, the Prime Minister.

Mr Ben-Yair marked him-self as a man who was prepared to investigate Cabinet ministers and to criticise the Israeli security forces and the secret police. He said recently that violence by border police against Palestinians was widespread.

Last year, he gave a warning that the secret police needed to rely more on intelligence gathering than physical force during interrogations to trace suspected terrorists. The



Eitan: investigation

Attorney-General's troubles with the Netanyahu Government began after he initiated a criminal investigation against Rafael Eitan, the Agriculture Minister. The inquiry effect-ively prevented Mr Eiran from

Mother Teresa kept at clinic

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN CALCUITA which Mother Teresa replied:

MOTHER TERESA woke after a restřul night yesterday, told her doctor she felt better and demanded to go home to be with her fellow nuns at her Missionaries of Charity headquarters in Calcutta. She was told firmly that she remained in a critical condition and enuld not leave.

Her determination to return to work and her constant arguing with doctors have impressed the medical team looking after her. "You have to admire her will power she refuses to give up," one of

them said. Mother Teresa, 86, has lung and kidney disease and has developed bronchitis. Her heartheat remains irregular.

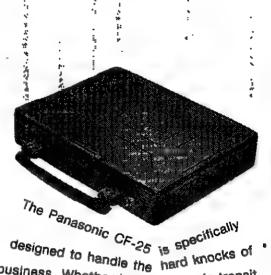
Her pacemaker, fitted in 1989. has been reprogrammed at a higher rate to ensure that her vital organs receive more blood, which has stopped the deterioration of her kidneys. However, although she sat in a chair yesterday to say her prayers, a medical bulletin said there had been no improvement in her pulmonary and renal conditions.

Dr Patricia Aubanel, of Scripps Clinic, California, a member of the medical team looking after her at the BM Birla Heart Research Centre in Calentta, said Mother Teresa had told her to "work hard" to get her better. Dr Aubanel responded: "You also have to work hard to get well", to

"It is my duty, so I will do so." Almost nothing can make the chaos of Calcutta worse, but Mother Teresa has managed it. Every time rumours spread of her death - at least once a day - traffic in the area of the hospital comes to a halt as people seek news. Newspapers complain that their switchboards are jammed. The police also seal off the roads round the hospital to allow senior politicians to visit her.

Her religious sisters, who are praying constantly for Mother Teresa, are joined each day in their prayers by

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Galliano – romance and high drama portion is

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Wild boy John Galliano, below, is causing a stir in the fashion houses of Paris



collections ness was buzzing with the news that two British designers were to take over plum jobs on the international lashion scene. Wild boys John Galliano and Alexander McQueen were simultaneously appointed as designers-in-chief at the seasoned fashion houses of Christian Dior and Givenchy respectively, and in a fanciful game of musical chairs (gilt naturally) Galliano moved from Givenchy (where he had been top dog for two seasons) to make way for McQueen, the new boy on the boulevard.

McQueen's debut at the couture collections in January is naturally awaited with bated breath, but it is Galliano who has done the groundwork. It is Galliano's ready-towear designs for Givenchy that still hang on the rail in the stores and will continue to do



or spring/surrimer. 97 Galliano offered the plain and the fancy



ABOVE: Black organiza belted jacket with ruffle trim, £600; matching skirt, £305. RIGHT: Grey wool crop jacket with decorative bows, £237; matching skirt, £147

Galliano's original appointment, on the retirement of Hubert de Givenchy (who founded the house in 1952), groundbreaking.

Galliano, the flamboyant genius from south London with a pencil-thin parody of an Errol Flynn moustache and a

penchant for dressing like a es hugged the bosom and pirate, certainly caused a stir caressed the hips. His first when he arrived at Givenchy. During his first few weeks it was reported that he would send back samples to the seamstresses shouting "Tight-Overnight he transformed

ready-to-wear collection for Givenchy (shown on this page) was to be the real test. His haute couture designs could be as fantastic as he liked. People expected it and he didn't disappoint, but the ready-to-

countire sells to a mere handful lishment, the designer still has of women around the world, the ready-to-wear line had to appeal (and, perhaps more importantly, to sell) to a wider

As soon as the first sleek suits and dresses in grey pinstripe suiting, featuring clever touches like pockets that merged with decorative bows, eoned out on to the sta his autumn/winter show to the soundtrack of My Fair Lady (Audrey Hepburn had been a faithful Givenchy customer since the couturier dressed her for the film Funny Face) it was obvious that Galliano had cracked it. There were matador jackets worn with slim pants, sophisticated day dresses in dusty Elac and smoke crêpe, and the house's trademark polka-dots, pleats and ruffles. Yet Galliano had made Givenchy modern.

alliano says that, for him, taking cou-ture into the 21st

century is about

"desirable and wearable". The

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Design the

right way!

an eye for the perverse and showed elegant draped cocktail dresses on models wearing Galliano's imagination and his talent to embrace the past while adding a thorou modern edge

collections from the wild cards of fashion, there is a twist. As great friend and muse Amanda Harlech, who has worked side-by-side with him since he graduated from St Martin's School of Art in the early 1980s, has defected and taken a position with Karl Lagerfeld at Chanel. Lagerfeld is seen as Galliano's closest competition in the creativity stakes. Watch



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would like to see it made
illegal have argued for its right to become the central political question. It makes as much sense to me that those who believe passionately in the legal right to abortion should also view it as a crucial issue, even to the extent of solating and then voting on

Of course, what is meant by keeping abortion out of polities is not that we shouldn't argue about it, not that politicians shouldn't argue about it, but that we shouldn't seek to see a division of views along party lines. Well, we are not likely to. I concede that abortion is a moral issue, a matter of conscience, but the idea that it should therefore be "above politics" is a difficult one to grasp, insofar as granting access to it, or not, follows from a political act: the act of

We vote people in to pass laws; surely it makes sense to scrutinise these people's opinions in advance to see whether they accord with our own. And abortion, of all things, is not something one can leave up to someone else to decide

Perhaps, though, we are right to be horrified at what we feel to be the very American encroactment of singleissue politics. But abortion is just one of these single issues which make such a mess in our nice, traditional, binary way of looking at things (sorry, Lib Dems). In a sense, single-issue politics has al-ready left the lobbying system and entered full-time, paid-up, institutionalised politics over here. Europe is the biggest single issue in British politics and we can't blame America for that.

Abortion is different from Europe. While we are bored by Europe, we are used to being bored by politics. But we are impatient with the abortion debate, because we do not like the assumption of moral superiority that the rival camps so pointedly ex-ude. And both sides are keen to show their first-class ethical credentials. The anti-abortionhonest about this in that they ists are at least a little more

convinced that life is always preferable to death whatever the circumstances, then how

Single-issue politics has a dangerous attraction for us all

wouldn't make sense other-

Unfortunately, certain pro-abortionists have wished to push their cause by claiming theirs is no less a moral crusade. Up to a point, one could say, they're right, But, as Camille Paglia has pointed out, there is bound to be a dangerous dishonesty at the heart of all this if what abortion involves, the killing of a foetus; is ignored.



Nigella Lawson

She is right to condemn proabortionists as pusillanimous for hiding behind the tag of "pro-choice". I confess I have some sympathy for the impe-tus behind the coinage to believe in our right to abortion does not necessarily coincide with a belief that it is therefore a good thing. But Paglia is persuasive in her argument that the euphemistic term pro-choice has led to an insistence that a termination is not the violent act it is. She berself, she claims, is "fervently pro-abortion": only I recognise that abortion

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point. And she's being honest. But single-issue politics is bound to involve dishonesty somewhere along the line. You could say all politics is motives are complex, issues are not so readily packaged, for most of us at any rate. In order to present a single, clearly evolved view, we often

have to lie to others, but more often just to ourselves. In many ways, it is easier to be a fanatic. There is a form of integrity in obsessiveness. It's true, of course, that depth of feeling is no great key to depth of thought. And it's no less the case, that the sincerity with which a view is held is no measure of its value. But now that politics is dead - or said to be - the attraction of a few live issues cannot be denied. It has a dangerous appeal: fun-

damentalism in all its guises (and maybe especially those that start off as liberal causes)

is always to be avoided, if not

f reductiveness and fundamentalism are some of the potential dangers of single-issue politics, the real, more immediate flaw is that it is politically unproductive. stand on. Modern single-issue politics started with nuclear disarmament - although you can go back to the Corn Laws. and further, to find historical precedents - and the energy that once fuelled that movement now generates any number of players, all banging at their different drums: gay rights, women's rights, the environment, abortion, quarantine. I put that last one in almost as a joke, to show the nature of the exercise, though for a great many people it is probably the most important one of alk what a

But however vital the particular single issue is deemed to be, it is never the only issue: to serve the former leads to a terrible diminishment. When campaigned at the last election, I was appalled that all 18-year-olds cared about was aerosols and animals.

In our hearts, we are all

totalitarian dictators, all single-issue politicians. One can tell that the way people start exercised about wheelchair access. But the real thing about single-issue politics is that we mind only when it isn't our single issue.

Today The Times launches its two 1996 Christmas charity appeals



Life assurance: young patient in Guy's Hospital, London, where an operation to help to repair newborn babies' heart defects is being pioneered

A small hope of life

harlie Sims was born just over a week ago on November 25. Within 48 hours he underwent complex surgery to rearrange the arteries around his heart. Until a few months ago such an operation would not have been attempted and he would have died a few hours after birth. He is in a sunny ward in Guy's Hospital, London, and his parents, Dean and Rachel, are daring to hope their first baby will survive.

Charlie suffers from hypoplastic left ventricle; in a healthy heart the left ventricle is the main pumping chamber supplying blood to the arter-ies, but in this case it is too small. The arteries have to be reconnected to the right ven-tricle which would otherwise play a subsidiary role in

been pioneered in this country by the Evelina Children's Hospital, under the aegis of the Guy's and St Thomas' Hospital Trust. Doubters say that doctors can offer parents no promises that the operation will extend their child's life beyond a few years or even months. Supporters say anything is better than leav-ing a child to die.

The heart defect is diag-nosed during routine scan-ning, usually between 18 and 24 weeks. Parents have the choice of an abortion, or allowing the child to be born but declining the operation, or consenting to surgery. In the past 18 months David Anderson, a heart surgeon, has performed 20 of the operations and so far there are 11 survivors. Of the others, two died before the operation and operation or afterwards.

"It's a highly complex busi-

paediatric cardiologist, points out. These tiny bodies have to be put on a heart/lung machine, which is a big ordeal at that time of life. But we're getting better. The last six patients have survived, and we believe that survival is becoming consistent enough to justify what we are doing

Dr Baker says that at this early stage doctors have to be highly cautious in advising parents. "We have to warn them that their children's lives may be short and their quality poor. But two years ago none of these children would have survived: it's marvellous that we have progressed so far."

The Evelina Children's Hospital Appeal has raised more than £6 million for a children's ward and four intensive care cots, as well as

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Save our species

THE profits made from the unscrupulous trade in wildlife is worth more than \$4 billion a year. The poachers do not care that they have hunted the tiger and the black rhino to nearextinction, only that their own trade - according to Interpol is worth more than internaand illicit weapons dealing.

tional diamond smuggling Every year the poachers slaughter more so that rhino horns can be ground into fashioned into trinkets, or hears' paws served up in restaurants. Governments may sign international con-ventions but they do little to stop those with the machinegun and the machete.

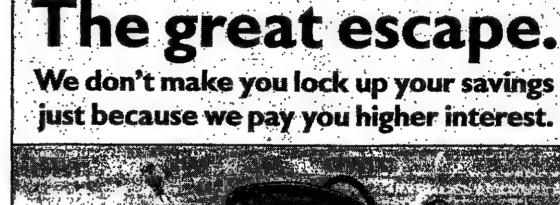
The charity Tusk Force is dedicated to saving these ani-mals but it is equally passionate about safeguarding en-dangered species in Britain. such as the dormouse and the water vole, which were once a common part of our habitat and are now a rarity.

Tusk Force also has a sucthe Angus glens in the Highspecies such as the red squirrel, the wild cat and the ofter. Neela Bettridge, director of Tusk Force, said: "It seems so ridiculous to tell others what to do with their wildlife when there are so many of our own 'species at serious risk." Credit card donations to

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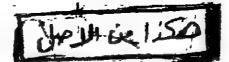
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Nothing to be done with the playboy Duke

The former King was a fool, but

no traitor, says Philip Ziegler

Princes of Wales have himself defeatist and preached the merits of a negotiated the past few years. Of late it has been the present holder of the title who has been in the worst trouble. He has made a mess of his marriage, is dangerously honest, and has a propensity for saying what he thinks. As a result, he has time and again left himself open to attack from those who dislike the institution of monarchy or who would prefer their future King to be an animated wax-work, mouthing platitudes and waving politely to the crowd. The fact that he is by far the best-equipped future monarch of this or possibly little credit on him. His life fills one with despair any other century seems to have had little effect on his public standing.

But compared with his great-uncle, briefly King Edward VIII and later Duke of Windsor, he has come off lightly. Among other on-slaughts, the luckless Duke has been the subject of a television documentary called Edward: The Traitor King without even the courtesy of a question mark. Prince Edward, with his counterblast, did his best to redress the balance, but as is usually the case, the muck proved more effective than the subsequent

sponging operation.

Today Edward VIII is wide-ly believed to have been a Nazi-sympathiser who did his best to sell out his country to its enemies in the hope of recapturing the throne and ruling with German support. There has recently been a lull in the process of vilification, but the sixtieth anniversary of the Abdication and yesterday's release of certain hitherto embargoed Foreign Office documents will no doubt set the

mills grinding merrily again. In fact there is precious little in these papers which was not made available to me when I was writing the official biography, and nothing which can support the wilder theories about their subject's villainy. The Duke of Windsor was not a traitor. He would never have contemplated returning as King to a Britain under German occupation. He did not wittingly pass information of any value to the enemy. He was overimpressed by the domestic successes of National Socialism, but never condoned the anti-Semitism of the Nazi regime, still less the horrors of the Holocaust.

But it must be admitted that the papers present a most unflattering picture of the Duke's activities. They deal mainly with the period when he was in France in 1939 and 1940 with a military mission charged vaguely with liaison with the French; his escapades in Spain and Portugal after the fall of France: his time as Governor of the Bahamas; and his financial problems during that period and when the war was over. In all these fields he showed himself silly, indiscreet and egotistical; the new material reinforces the accepted view that by 1936 he was unfit to occupy the throne.

In France in 1940 he went his own way with cavaller indifference to his superior officers, and though he did not directly disobey orders, as has been alleged, he allowed his private affairs to obtrude improperty in his public life. In Spain and Portugal he showed

the merits of a negotiated peace at a time when and in places where it was unforgiveable to air such views. In the Bahamas he consorted with and probably accepted finan-cial favours from people to whom he should have given a wide berth for reasons both personal and political. After the war he flouted currency regulations and disconcerted the tax authorities in at least three countries. This was not the whole story: in the Baha-mas, for instance, he mostly worked hard and sensibly in the interests of the islanders. But the overall picture reflects

at the pointless waste. When young he had shown such promise. Though privately racked by self-doubt, he presented himself to the world as vigorous, enthusiastic, interested in all he heard or saw, deeply concerned about the wellbeing of his future subjects. His charm was as effective on the crustiest and most Anglophobic of French generals as on surly crowds in Glasgow or avowed republicans in the Australian Outback. His simplicity, humility and dislike of pomp seemed to offer a new and hopeful way forward for the monarchy.

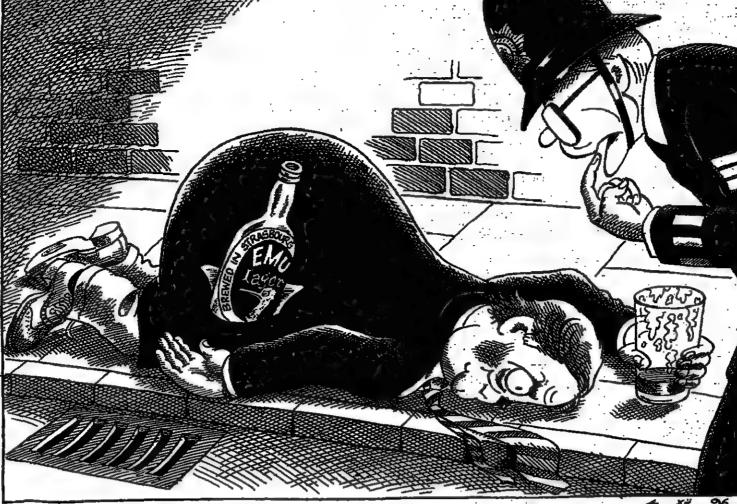
And then the bright vision faded. Bagehot some 70 years before had written perceptively about the problem: "Whatever is most attractive, whatever is most seductive, has always been offered to the Prince of Wales of the day, and always will be. It is not rational to expect the best virtue where temptation is applied in the most trying form at the frailest time of

Taced with such temptations, the Prince of Wales succumbed. The adulation of the masses fostered a foolish self-importance, a belief that he could play a role as leader for which he was ill-equipped and from which was constitutionally debarred. Idleness, self-indulgence, frivolity eroded his powers of concentration and his determination. The goodwill remained.

When he contemplated the closed Dowlais steelworks and exclaimed indignantly "Something must be done to find them work", he meant it for the moment and held forth on the subject at a London dinner party the same night. But within 24 hours his own, more urgent preoccupations had driven the unemployed from his mind. He picked up and dropped ideas with giddy rapidity, frittered away his time in trivial pursuits. The dogged seriousness of purpose of his brother, George VI. seemed to him absurd, even pitiful.

present Prince of Wales should consider how remarkable it is that he has maintained his grandfather's and his mother's seriousness of purpose, though exposed to temptations every bit as seductive as those which Bagehot described. The Abdication is a grisly reminder of how badly things can go wrong: it is not a blueprint for

what lies ahead. Philip Ziegler's King Edward VIII appeared in 1990.



ANOTHER CASE OF INTOXICATION.

Whipped and scorned

here must be plenty worse clubs than the House of Commons. The fellowship is cosy. The dignity is massive, the perks legion and the snuff free. As I toss my pebbles into the street from the scribbler's garret. I sometimes wonder if the parliamentary life might not have been for me. Sometimes, but not often. When I witness scenes such as Sir Nicholas Scott's ejection from his constituency on Monday night, I am left with a different question. Who on earth could want to be an MP? What benefit could possibly compensate for such ritual humiliation?

At the weekend another MP, David Willetts, felt obliged to put about that he would resign as a junior minister if criticised by the Commons Standards and Privileges Committee.
This body was trying him for having supposedly sought to influence its hypersensitive (and ineffective) predecessor. Politics is a rough game. It is not for soft hearts or thin skins. As Enoch Powell bitterly attested, all political lives end in failure. But for any employed person to be at the mercy of such procedures is absurd. It is politics as professional terror.

Sir Nicholas's fate as an elected representative was sealed not by any democratic process. Like Margaret Thatcher in 1990, he went down to that favourite institution of the Militant Tendency, a majority of a minority of a minority. The first minority was the one third of the 3,000 Conservative Party members in Kensington and Chelsea who attended the meeting that voted him out. The second was the much smaller proportion of Tory voters in the constituency who are party members. There was no postal ballot. Enthusiasts for "rule by mass meeting" must have cheered. Sir Nicholas is politically dead. These are the sort of shenanigans from which Tony Blair

is trying to rescue the Labour Party. Mr Willetts is not dead, but he stands accused of something considered most serious by his fellow MPs. As a junior whip last year he minuted a discussion about a Commons select committee with its chairman, the amiable Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith. Such meetings take place all the time, but MPs are privately ashamed of them. They imply that the Commons is less than wholly independent of the executive. Acknowledging them, let alone in writing, is anathema. Mr Willetts had committed the ultimate political crime of being caught in

Never mind if politics is a dog's life: what about the career of government?

flagrant possession of the truth. Once again, a possibly distinguished career is at risk on the most trivial of

Neither Sir Nicholas nor Mr Willetts is at present at the top of his calling. Sir Nicholas enjoyed a ministerial career of mild distinction, in Northern Ireland and at Social Security. At 63 he was on the way down. Mr Willetts is 40 and on the way up. Both are cases of the new professional politician. Sir Nicholas first won election to his local council at 23. Mr Willetts became Nigel Lawson's research assistant at 22. Even with outside inter-

ests, they have made politics their core career in that both aspired to and attained government jobs. Yet they are not vulnerable at the bar of democracy. No ballot is voting them out of a career. They cannot

even take their case to an industrial tribunal. They cannot plead unreasonable behaviour by an employer, any more than their employer can prove unprofessional behaviour on their part. If Sir Nicholas is charged with being too fond of the bottle, stand up half the House of Commons. If Mr Willetts is charged with getting caught, call the entire Cabinet to the dock. No, they are vulnerable only to the rules of the club. In his book Honest Opportunism,

Peter Riddell traces the progressive narrowing of the political talent pool since the war. The modern MP must start his search for a seat in his twenties or early thirties, well before he is likely to know whether the work will suit him or her long-term. Apart from a brief spell in law, education or banking, most of the Cabinet and Shadow Cabinet have committed their adult lives to the pursuit of a career which, by its nature, should be able to draw on a wide range of age and experience. Run down the extra-political achievements of this Government and you would struggle, as Sir John Hoskyns once said, to staff a modest multinational. Companies are rumbling this, as ex-politicians find it harder to find outside jobs.

Scratch a politician's ego and underneath you will find paranoia about the whips, Almost all the present Cabinet and Shadow Cabinet came up through the Whips' Office". It is the prefects room not just of Parliament but of a profession. Both party leaders have used the Whips' Office not just to discipline Parliament but as the arbiter of the career of politics. It is as if a doctor could advance by appointment from the General Medical Council. The con-cept of a British politician having a following in the country that qualifies

> only following that is needed is among whips patronage is "coupon" to high office because low office. There are exceptions that prove the rule. In a

Thatcher admitted that her survival in Edward Heath's Cabinet, and thus as a plausible candidate for the succession, was due to her being the only available woman. Otherwise the whips would have had her for breakfast in the reshuffle of 1972.

I find it inconceivable that any successful and prosperous outsider over the age of 40 should want to subject him or herself to the infantile disciplines of Parliament, or pass through such a tedious initiation rite to high office. Last September Archie Norman, head of the Asda group, won the candidature for Tunbridge Wells and the world gasped. The Sunday Telegraph asked what a respectable 42-year-old businessman was doing "dirtying his hands in

In the last century, even in the first half of this, nobody would have thought this unusual. Nor would they in America, or France, or Germany. In Britain today it is considered extraordinary. Yet to pro-ceed. Mr Norman will doubtless have to work his way up the whips ladder, to be tested for loyalty and soundness. Only after years in the good books of the Whips' Office would be be considered qualified to

head a Ministry of Defence or a Department of Transport. Britons do not apply for high office.

They may not run for it or stand for election to it. Though in the public sector and paid from the public purse, ministerial office is not advertised. It is awarded in secret, and removed in the same fashion. Even at the level of the constituency, Sir Nicholas was lucky that, having failed to secure endorsement by his executive committee, he was allowed to take his case to a closed party meeting. Mr Willetts is less lucky. He broke a club rule, a rule formulated to conceal a shameful process and therefore apparently concealed from him. At least his was a crime committed in the cause of whipping. He should survive.

profession that has spent the past two decades lecturing the nation on reforming itself seems unable to coun tenance self-improvement of any sort-When one departing MP, Dudley Fishburn, suggested that there were too many MPs and they were grossly underworked, there was uproar, How dare he blow the whistle? Parliament may demand the ending of other people's closed shops, may plead open trade and unrestricted practices. Yet it is blind to the beam in its own eye. It cannot even reform Prime Minister's Questions, which all sides profess to finding an

embarrassing shambles. -Parliament does not, I believe, see itself as a professional career. It is rather a fraternity of "Honourable Members", self-selected in early life, whose ethical code is now notoriously threadbare. MPs take less delight in each other's ability than they do in each other's misfortune. Nothing so boosts party morale, wrote Alan Clark, "as the imminent execution of a senior colleague". MPs are like sharks "circling and waiting for traces of blood in the water". Yet within that fraternity a most important career must germinate and

flower, that of government.

The test of the vigour of a profession is its ability to regulate and reform itself without statutory constraint. Teachers, academics and lawyers have failed that test and government has eagerly intervened. Journalists and doctors may yet fail. Yet who will reform-the reformers? The dub of politics is clearly an enjoyable one. It is a pity about the career of government.

Alan Coren

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■ God rest you merry, partygoers: I saw you last year

tread, today, on eggshells. Worse yet, if I slip off the eggshells, I could step on mines, mantraps, gins. I may find myself dangling aloft from one agonised ankle or crowching at the bottom of some unrealable nit, and if Fcall out to friends or relatives or colleagues to help me down, or up, they will not come, contending these to be my just deserts.

They have got me wrong. really do want to go to all the Christmas parties to which they have invited me. I really am touched and grateful to have been asked. Look at these dozen stiffies standing on my lucky mantelpiece, does not each have a big happy tick on it? And am I not hugely looking forward to fronting up at every venue? Are my clothes not-pressed, my shoes not buffed, my nails not pared, my nods and becks and

Why, then, am I protesting so much? Is something bothering me? Only this: I know what lies in store. For me, and from me. Here I am at a packed Broad-casting House party, having animated conversationettes about digital transmission, or producer's choice, or licence fees, here comes my old joke about John Birt, there goes someone else's about Alan Yentob, soon it will be time to flirt with the woman I flirted with last year, shall I do it before or after the row I have with the man I had the row with last year, when would be the best time to tell Melvyn how much I admire him, again? Not to worry, if I miss anything out, I can make amends the day after tomorrow, when there is another packed party at TV Centre, they will all be there. But first there is tomorrow,

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and here I am at The Times party, having animated conver-sationettes about circulation, or downsizing, or subbing, here comes my old joke about Ber-nard Levin, there goes someone else's about Simon Jenkins, soon it will be time to flirt with the woman I flirted with last year, shall I do it before or after you know what, when would be the much I admire him, again? Not to worry if I miss anything out, they'll all be at next week's Spectator party, or at a party for Another Newspaper, or two days after at this ambassador's or that, or at the one between, at that politician's or this. .

Family parties? Priends' ones? Just the same, ie, just the same as last Yule's, give or take the odd divorce or headstone, what's your son doing, mine's doing this, how was Tuscany, Provence was great, did you change cars, nor did I, is your hiernia still playing up. I must soft out this bloody cardiage, what about the Budget, then, what about QPR?

I hear, now, the eggshells crack, as host jaws clench. But I do not say these fests will not be fun, only that that fun will be predictable; and I say it after looking not at my own mantel-piece but at a friend's. He is an auctioneer. At lunch last Sunday, I saw his cards. He is going to parties thrown by antique dealers, philatelists, old banger buffs, art collectors, iffy millionaires, mad peers, and, of course, family and friends, and he is looking forward to these as

much as I am to mine. That is, not quite as much as if each were going to the other's. You catch my drift: mutatis mutandis, I should not only be captivated by conversationettes about bun feet and Silver Ghosts, I should captivate in my turn with anecdotes of Portland Place and Wapping, I should not only bust a gut at unknown jokes about Stanley Gibbons and Mohamed Al Fayed but bust those of others coming fresh to Birt and Levin, the rooms would teem with men and women hitherto unrowed and unflirted with, and as for the less professional intimacies of family and friends, what could more refresh the jaded social palate than to fetch up against another's uncle, whose son's career and Bangkok fortnight, four-wheel drive and hip replacement, fiscal opinions and support for Fulham would be as delightfully novel to me as my

equivalents were to him?" I have to tell you that the auctioneer felt just the same. So we mulled awhile, and concluded that this column should put it to the Royal Mail to mangurate a service whereby all invitations would be redirected to a Central Party Unit, there to be shuffled and randomly forwarded. Will they act? Who can say, but if, nezit year. you spot an unfamiliar bald bloke at your Auntie Flos telling a joke about John

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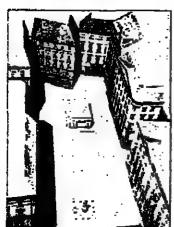
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Bunkered

VIENNA was no place for pulling punches yesterday as Rachel Whiteread, the Turner Prizewinning artist most famous for her concrete house in east London, laid into the Austrian authorities who have been picking apart her planned Holocaust monument in

Whiteread won a competition in January to design a memorial to the 65,000 murdered Austrian Jews to be sited in Judenplatz, site



Concrete mix-up

of a mass Jewish suicide in 1421. Now, in reaction to complaints from residents, the city authorities have been considering moving it to another site. Whiteread is not happy and at a press conference yesterday threatened legal action if her pile, called The Nameless Library, is not built as agreed.

Brandishing a letter from the council saying the location of the monument was an "unshakeable fact", she said: "I have been kept in the dark over political ramblings. In my contract there is no leeway at all for changing the site and I feel upset about the way I have been treated by the city of Vienna."

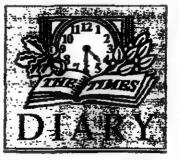
Detractors liken the 266 cubic metre hollow stack of books, in concrete and asphalt, to a "concrete bunker" but Whiteread is adamant: "It won't look like a bunker and it will not be moved." Fans include Simon Wiesenthal, the Nazi hunter, though as Roland Augustine, Whiteread's New York agent, said: This has more to do with politics than art."

Pas de deux

ly finessed at the English National Ballet on Monday night where Di-ana. Princess of Wales, was guest of honour at a special performance and dinner.

Seated at her table were two of the most socially thrusting of politicians from left and right: Peter Mandelson, Labour MP for Hartlepool and as omnipresent at London parties these days as Thai-style hors d'oeuvres, and Shaun Woodward, Tory candidate for Douglas Hurd's impregnably safe seat. Witney. Spotting the need to share her favours, midway through the





dinner, the Princess swapped places with Pamela Lady Harlech, chairman of ENB and sexual etiquette-lecturer to the boys of Downside School Both Tory and Labourite looked happy with the

● it was not Bruce Babbitt who had to withdraw his candidacy for the Democratic presidential nomination because he was caught borrowing from the speeches of Neil Kinnock, as I suggested yesterday. but Joseph Biden. Apologies to Mr Babbitt, President Clinton's estimable Secretary for the Interior.

Unholy mess

ALL is not well with the Archbishop of Canterbury's visit to Rome. He has needled the Vatican with his decision to speak at the second

Anglican church in Rome, where just a few weeks ago an Ecua-dorean woman, an Anglican convert from Catholicism, was ordained a priest within sight of St Peter's. "Extremely insensitive" was the verdict of senior Vatican officials, who have never had much time anyway for the Most Rev George Carey, especially his pious habit of referring to himself as a spiritual leader".

The theme of his talk to the Anglicans was the coincidence of World Aids Day with the beginning of Advent. He used it as an opportunity to wheel out his favourne lines from Tony Hancock's blood donor sketch, the ones about Heaven, Hell and Judgment, Just the Vatican's sort of thing.

Guillotined

NEXT up for the Lady Antonia Fraser treatment is Louis XVI's wife, Marie-Antoinette. Lady Antonia, a fluent French speaker, will soon be off to France to read stacks of original documents. 🕙

Which reminds me of one of the first of her literary undertakings. the translation into English of the dreadful biography of the fashion over a groyne to land face down designer Christian Dior for Lord the sea fracturing two ribs.

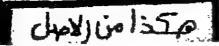
Unsurprisingly, the book fails to make an appearance in Lady



Autonia on Antoinette

Antonia's extensive Who's Who

 Sir Nicholas Scott, ousted MP for Kensington and Chelsea. wasn't alone in feeling woozy on that fateful evening in Bourne-mouth when he fell into a gutter. Moments beforehand, he had parted company with an amiable lrish journalist who took himself off for a walk on the beach to freshen up. There, our friend tripped over a groyne to land face down in





A MAJOR MISTAKE

The Prime Minister has unnecessarily surrendered a weapon

The combination of a determined Chancellor and an opportunist Deputy has almost certainly condemned the Prime Minister to fight the coming election without one of his best potential weapons. The faces on either side of the Commons gangway yesterday. showed which party saw most to gain from John Major's decision not to rule out joining a single currency before the election. Conservatives were glum and mute; Labour Members were cheering and jubilant, sensing that another obstacle on their path to power had been removed.

As our political editor reports today, a key cause of the newly hardened position was a report in The Daily Telegraph on Monday that the Prime Minister had decided to try to change his Chancellor's mind and to give up the "wait and see" position on EMU at some point nearer the election. Government insiders were happy to dismiss the Tele-graph claim as "wishful thinking". But Kenneth Clarke and Michael Heseltine, the only two ministers determined to keep the currency option open until election day, took advantage of the report to mount an ambush. On Monday, the Chancellor described the Telegraph stories as "preposterous"; and yesterday at lunchtime the Deputy Prime Minister stated that the position would not change in this Parliament or in the course of an election campaign. In response to Tony Blair, the Prime Minister found himself with no option but to back his two senior ministers. making a pledge from which there are no

easy escape routes. In doing so, Mr Major went against the wishes of three quarters of his Cabinet colleagues, of most of his parliamentary party and of the vast majority of his candidates and campaigners. He has now surrendered one of the last few weapons left in his locker for use against Labour. Such an abdication was wrong and unnecessary. Circumstances can and will change between now and May; the Prime Minister ought to have been able to equivocate now and remain ready for those changed circumstances later. Until recently, Labour leaders felt most vulnerable to two lines of attack in the run-up to the election. First, they feared having to vote against a sharply tax-cutting Budget. And secondly, they dreaded the Conservatives moving away from them on Europe and portraying them as the party that would surrender Britain's powers to Brusseis. Their relief yesterday was palpable. The Budget has presented them with none of the preelection problems that it had threatened to do. Now the chance of a Conservative electoral advantage on Europe has been severely reduced.

This will dismay parliamentary candidates and their activists. A pledge not to join the single currency during the next Parliament could have helped them on many doorsteps. In one swoop it could have pulled back wavering voters from both Labour and the Referendum Party. And it would have chimed with the views of most prospective Tory MPs. Now the Prime Minister will be in the embarrassing position of being contradicted by many of his own candidates' election addresses.

Mr Major's surrender to the unrepresentative views of the two men closest to him makes him look weak to the outside world while increasing dissent within his party. Worse, the closer the general election looms, the more untenable this supposedly unequivocal position will become.

Away from the world of Westminster lobbyists, wishful thinking journalists and questions of electoral advantage, the British public will still deserve an answer from both party leaders to the question of whether they plan to take Britain into a single currency during the subsequent Parliament. The decision will have to be taken by the new government within just a few months of the poll. By the time of the campaign, almost all of the details will have been agreed. This will be the biggest question facing the country at election time; it is not one that either man

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Medical profession's concern at new advertising rules

From the Chairman of the Patients Association

Sir, The General Medical Council's decision to allow hospital consultants to advertise to the public addresses an important concern. What is wanted by prospective patients, however, is objective information about the individ-

nal performance of clinical specialists. The President of the Royal College of Surgeons, Sir Rodney Sweetnam, says (letter, November 26) that pa-tients are "normally directed wisely by their referring general practition-er". The truth is that we know rather little objectively about the basis of referrals, and of their outcomes.

Patients want a relationship of solidarity with their GP; kindness, time and an adviser who can spot treatable disease promptly and then get them to the best specialist. Patients' minds would be eased if they knew how often the specialist undertakes the proposed treatment and what other patients say about the results. The Government should require publication of the first; interactive databases will rapidly offer the second.

The issue surely is not that some specialists should advertise if they wish. It is that basic facts about all specialists should be required to be published and these facts be considered by the patient with the GP.

Yours sincerely, JOHN SPIERS, Chairman, The Patients Association, 8 Guilford Street, WC1. December 2.

From Dr Stuart Sanders

Sir, As a general practitioner I support wholeheartedly Sir Rodney Sweetnam. The United Kingdom GP is currently the "gate-keeper" to consultant and specialist medical services and I would urge the General Medical Council to reconsider its decision to allow specialists to advertise. It would be a great shame if our

vember 28) is right to focus attention on the airlines' habit of ejecting

("bumping") passengers off flights that prove to have been overbooked.

major cause is "selfish businessmen"

making multiple bookings. A 1993 re-

port by the Association of European

of "bumps" was travel agents who promise airlines bookings for passen-

fied. No-shows by passengers ac-counted for only about 30 per cent of

"bumps", and most of these were not

malicious but due to traffic jams,

Furthermore, some airlines do not

exploit the ability of their computers to

identify possible multiple bookings,

perhaps because they perceive an ac-

commodating attitude as good for cus-

The special difficulties on Austra-

lian routes could be a symptom of the

BA-Quantas policy of reducing the

number of seats and raising fares in

order to increase profit, though it is re-

assuring to read that BA has reduced

its "involuntary offloads" from seven

to five per 10,000 passengers. This

brings them a little nearer to the US

airlines' average of about one per

Sir, Airlines could probably reduce

going to the wrong airport, etc.

tomer relations.

Yours faithfully,

November 28.

A. J. LUCKING.

20/17 Broad Court, WC2

From Miss Jennifer Wood

irlines, found that the biggest cause

rs whom they have not yet identi-

However, I do not believe that the

the GP referral system.

well established and time-honoured practice were to be jettisoned in favour of the anarchical system in the United States where patients choose their

own specialist. Yours faithfully, STUART SANDERS, 22 Harmont House, 20 Harley Street, W1. November 26.

From Mr N. H. Harris Sir, I warmly support Sir Rodney

Sweemam's letter. Commercially minded, unscrupulous doctors providing a poor standard of care would be among those most likely to advertise. The unsuspecting and vulnerable patient would suffer the consequences. All good GPs are aware of the existence of these doctors and are able to protect their pa-

tients' interest. It is very sad that the close confidential doctor-patient relationship, which has already been compromised in the hospitals by the emphasis on market principles, is to be further eroded by the GMC condoning what has hither-to been unacceptable behaviour by doctors. It seems we can no longer call ourselves a profession because we will simply be a collection of businessmen.

Yours faithfully. NIGEL HARRIS (Consultant orthopaedic surgeon), 72 Harley Street, WI.

From Dr Nanu Grewal

Sir. The debate between the holistic and specialist schools of medicine is an ancient one and Sir Rodney Sweetnam's letter raises a new aspect. The current trend is towards greater patient choice and away from paternalism. Patients already choose to see osteopaths and physiotherapists outside

In the UK, GPs have a dual role as the patient's agent and the gatekeeper

to specialist hospital services which will be lost if advertising by specialists cuts out the middle man. Lest we be too wistful about the referral system, I cite a landmark ruling in Australia. A GP referred a patient to a specialist. the patient failed to see the specialist and, her condition having worsened. she successfully swed the GP for not ensuring that she made it to the ap-

pointment. A utilitarian view would recognise that direct self-referrals to specialists would ease the currently excessive work load in general practice.

Yours faithfully. N. GREWAL. Oriel College, Oxford. November 26.

From Mr James Wood

Sir, The points raised by Sir Rodney Sweetnam are very reminiscent of what has happened to the optometric

Some 12 years ago optometrists were accused of not providing patients with enough information, and the General Optical Council was called upon to relax the rules of advertising. This resulted in a complete abandonment of almost every rule and unbridled claims being made by advertisers. It may already be too late for the medical profession to halt this trend, the excuse always being that the public needs to know.

The real arguments should be about how the public will actually benefit from this change, and how to achieve a balance between information and downright commercialism.

Yours faithfully, JAMES WOOD (National Chairman, Association of Optometrists, 1982-83: Member, General Optical Council). King & Wood (Optometrists).

137 High Street, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne. November 26.

Attack on Cooke stirs up the fans

From Mr Brian Grove Sir, I listened to Alistair Cooke's Letter from America on the American military and am amazed at the reactions

to it (report, December 2). Mr Cooke spoke seriously of a number of rape cases troubling the American Armed Services and ironically of attempts to make a military offence of wolf-whistling and suggestive glances. For commentators to link the statistics of the former with a comment on the latter is worthy of Dr Goebbels.

Yours sincerely. BRIAN GROVE. The Paragon, Blackheath, SE3. December 2.

From Mr John H. Lamb

Sir. The unidentified BBC presenter who finds Mr Cooke's personality oppressive — "Because of his age and au-thority everybody is frightened of him" — should take comfort from knowing that his hurt feelings are but a small price he has to pay for the considerable pleasure that the endproducts give to so many of his custo-

The letter in question was, as usual. an objective report on a topical issue, enlivened with subjective wit, to the effect that much reported "sexual harassment" is hardly sinful.

Of course times change and I, too, might be past my sell-by date. Only last year in Virginia, my rising to my feet when rejoined at table by a lady. brought her protest that such gallantry was both archaic and "gratuitously offensive".

Yours truly. JOHN H. LAMB. Walnut Tree House Upper Weare, Axbridge, Somerset. December 3.

From Mr Robert Vincent

Sir, Surely Alistair Cooke's controversial remarks were no more sexist than Ms Bel Mooney's comment that "he is of a certain generation" is ageist?

Yours faithfully, ROBERT VINCENT, Dilly House. Wildhern, Andover, Hampshire. December 2

French forry strike

From Mr George Guise Sir, The success of the lorry drivers' actions in France (report, November 30) could be a foretaste of a Blairite

Britain. The French Government is interventionist by nature, regardless of the party in power, and is therefore liable to be held to ransom whenever unions are frustrated. Britain used to be like that and could become so again under the encouragement of a social chapterorientated, Europhile Labour govern-

France continues to have its many Scargills, both on the autoroutes and elsewhere, and it will never become a modern, free-market economy until it

has its Thatcher. Yours faithfully. GEORGE GUISE (Prime Minister's Policy Unit. 90 Long Acre, WC2

Italy's Latin revival

From Mr George Edwards Sir, I suffered Latin (leading article,

December 2

November 27) through most of my secondary school in the 1960s, and failed to learn it, despite desperate efforts to avoid almost weekly beatings. Moving to Italy in the Eighties and working with young Italian graduates. I was intrigued to discover that they too had struggled, and failed, to learn it. Their views of Latin's value were far more disparaging, colourful, and forcefully expressed than mine.

Yours faithfully, GEORGE EDWARDS. 20 Fairways Drive, Harrogate, North Yorkshire. November 27.

Millennium fountains

From Mr J. N. P. Watson

Sir. As a Horsham district resident may I point out to Mrs E. M. Thomas (letter, November 29) that the Shelley memorial fountain is not only unpopular locally for its ugliness and the fact that it does not work, but also because of its inappropriate significance (Shelley died from drowning).

Yours faithfully, JOHN WATSON. Pannett's.

Shipley, Horsham, West Sussex. November 29.

We should be told

From Dr Patrick Moore

spokesman on Wales

Sir, In his political sketch today. Matthew Parris described Rhodri Morgan, MP, as this windy, burbling, frizz-haired, crag-faced sub-Patrick Moure of a Labour

What on earth does he mean?

Yours, etc. PATRICK MOORE. Farthings, West Street, Selsey, Sussex. December 3.

A CIVILIAN IN THE CONVENT From Mr A. J. Lucking Sîr, Harvey Elliott (Travel News, No-

Sir Richard Luce brings an age to a close in Gibraltar

Ever since Sir George Rooke captured Gibraltar for the Crown in the War of the Spanish Succession, tradition has ruled that been in the assertion of its claim to Giba man in uniform should occupy the Con- raltar. The Gibraltarians, similarly, are as vent, the Governor's graceful residence on military Governors. including Admiral Sir Hugo White, the incumbent, has been a distinguished one and Gibraltarians have taken pride in this

link with Britain's Armed Forces. The link, however, has become increasingly symbolic as Gibraltar's strategic importance to Britain has declined. Yesterday, the Foreign Office announced that a civilian, Sir Richard Luce, will be the colony's next Governor. The break with tradition may be justified in terms of Gibraltar's changed circumstances. The post of Commander, British Forces Gibraltar, is being downgraded and his residence sold; the garrison has been cut to fewer than 600 men. Gibraltar's status within Nato is being changed as part of the extensive reorganisation of the Southern Command. Gibrard is to cease to be a Nato military command and its future is up for review next week. The case for a military Governor is no

longer easily made. Politically, the choice of Sir Richard is more controversial. This is not because he lacks experience, but because of his close association, as the relevant junior Foreign Office minister at the time, with Britain's failure in the early Eighties to read Argentine intentions with respect to the

Falklands correctly. In Gibraltar, this is liable to add to anxiety : justified by results.

that Britain is changing its policy towards the Rock. Spain is as adamant as it has ever unwavering as ever in their desire not to be Spanish. The election last May of the moderate and sophisticated Peter Caruana as Gibraltar's Chief Minister offered a chance for smoother relations with Madrid. But Spain has made all too little of the opportunity. The British Government, as always, has to continue balancing its duty towards Gibraltar's residents with a natural desire for good relations with Spain. The Foreign Office's failure to consult Mr Caru-

ana about the appointment was unwise. Sir Richard's talents will have limited scope. His position is circumscribed by law, and is largely titular. Yet Gibraltar's status as Europe's last colony gives him considerable informal and extra-constitutional responsibilities. Although Gibraltar's sovcreignty is not and must not be negotiable over the heads of the Gibraltarians themselves, there are other areas of this 292-yearold dispute which could profit from greater

diplomatic finesse on the spot. Sir Richard would, however, act unwisely if he were to see his role as anything other than complementary to that of the democratically elected administration of Gibraltar. His first task is to gain the confidence of the Gibraltarians. If he does so and is seen to respect their concerns, the first civilian Governor on the Rock will be able to claim that the break with tradition proved to be

PRECISION CHARITIES

Evelina and Tusk Force deserve the generosity of Times readers

This is the season of charity in all the manifold meanings of that word, a time when a vast fund of British goodwill is searching for a target. But dropping notes into a collecting box can sometimes seem as imprecise as administering eye-drops from the fifth storey, the effect down below wholly unquantifiable. In the recent past The Times: has chosen some great and worthy charities for its Christmas appeal. This year, we have chosen two small charities with a particularly specific reach: the Evelina Children's

Hospital and Tusk Force. Sick children and threatened species are popular targets for charity. Both are helpless victims. Both are the recipients of general goodwill and the support of larger colleagues. But, as we describe on page 15, these: charities are targeted to a pimpoint. Their results can be measured, and must be continually monitored if they are to carry on their good work. These are precision charities.

The children who come to the Evelina are suffering from severe neurological and heart disorders that need intensive specialist treatment. This children's hospital for Guy's and St Thomas' has pioneered the concept of parents being closely involved in the care of their children. It will always find room for parents to stay with their child. It prides itself on its school for children of all ages. And although it is a local hospital for London and the South East, its unique services are sought more widely. Last year it treated children from every health district in England and Wales

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Money given to the Evelina not only goes to a good cause that needs donations. Most charities qualify as that, which makes charitable giving a matter of hard choices as well as a warm heart. But in this case the money also goes to a charity which is determined that those who give can follow its activities in detail, and learn much about the wonders of life from them.

charity funds particular missions to save a species at risk of extinction, from the tiger to the sea turtle. Some are being squeezed out by the cruel folly of humans who hunt the Siberian tiger for its magnificent pelt and elephants for their ivory and who grind up rhinoceros horns as symbolic magic for a supposed aphrodisiac. Others, such as the And because this charity begins at home, it also takes the smaller practical steps to save

Such is also the case with Tusk Force. This

otter, are at risk because of population pressures on their habitats. Tusk Force pays for anti-poaching teams to protect them. taking care to win the support of both the host country and the scientific community. the dormouse and the water voie, which are becoming strangers in their native habitat. Without such protection, future generations will meet the tiger, the elephant and the red squirrel only in a museum or on a screen.

Money given to both the Evelina Children's Hospital and Tusk Force will go to charities that desperately need it. It will be used for simple, direct ends. We ask our readers to show their best generosity of the

Overbooking in the air Politics and homosexuality in Exeter

From Dr Adrian Rogers

Sir, Matthew Parris (article, December 2) calls me a hater of homosexuals, dishonestly and distastefully links this with Nazi anti-Semitism and generally invites the homosexual lobby to target me in Exeter in the forthcoming general election. Who is the bigot and what is true?

long association with disease. ed as sinful by most wise cultures in-

cluding Judaism and, as a Christian, I accept the need to condemn the sin but not the sinner. In Exeter this issue has received

The campaign to deceive a gener-

I do not hate homosexuals. I do con-

sider their practices personally abhorrent and I surely cannot be blamed if the practice is sterile or that it has a Homosexuality is widely condemn-

prominence because Labour has selected an openly homosexual candidate. It is Labour's issue and not mine: Labour has caused this debate and not me. Since Members of Parliament actually make the laws which dictate personal behaviour and criminalise dangerous sexual behaviour then the personal proclivities of elected Members is a matter of legitimate public

ation of young people that homo-sexuality is normal is, in my view deeply to be regretted. Similarly the movement to consider Aids sufferers as different and deserving of greater sympathy than those suffering from other fatal conditions has more to do with supporting homosexuality than really caring for sick people. All sick

the numbers of "no-show" incidents. at least in the economy class, by sorting out their pricing policy.

The price of a one-way ticket is so much higher than that of a cheap-rate economy return that nobody with any

sense would ever buy the former. After an economy ticket has been used for the outward leg the return flight may then not be taken up. Even if they feel they ought to notify the airline of their intention not to show up for the return flight, many people probably fail to do so because they feel guilty about using the system in this way or because they are afraid

of the sort of penalties suggested by

Mr Elliott. Or it may be simply that,

having already travelled on from the airport, they have no idea how to reach the airline in question. Perhaps one of the airlines could conduct a poli of their passengers to find out how many of them would have bought a one-way ticket if it had been available at half the price of a

Yours faithfully. JENNIFER WOOD. 1 Okeford House, Canford Lane, Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol. November 28.

Jam today From Mr A. G. Alexander

cheap return.

Sir, Mr J. Sharp (letter, November 27; see also letter, November 20) commenting on the number of vehicles expected by the year 2025, states: "Of course, all these vehicles would not be moving at the same time." Rather like the M25 today.

Yours faithfully, A. G. ALEXANDER, 245 Rushdean Road, Rochester, Kent.

people deserve care and compassion. none more than another. Mr Parris was not in Exeter to hear the debate to which he refers or he

would have heard me say that I would not recriminalise homosexuality although I certainly would suppress its active promotion and display. He would also know that I am probably of other persons views than the homo-sexual lobby is of those who disapprove of their deviant proclivity.

Here stand common sense, tradition and medical fact and one person at least who is prepared to state in public what a silent and cowed majority knows to be true.

Yours faithfuily. ADRIAN ROGERS (Conservative Prospective Parliamentary Candidate for Exeter), Exeter Conservative Association, 47a Magdalen Road, Exeter, Devon.

From Mr Mike Carter

Sir, Must The Times be used by Matthew Parris to peddle and champion the cause of homosexuality? He accuses Dr Rogers of bigotry. According to my dictionary, a bigot is one who holds opinions irrespective of reason and attaches disproportionate weight to some creed or view - Matthew Parris I believe.

Yours sincerely. MIKE CARTER. 49 West Drive, Leyland, Lancashire.

leaders should break with the pasi.

num their backs on the present leader-

ship in Croatia and Serbia and get ser-

ious about lending assistance to those who are now pushing for accountabil-

ity, democratic elections and free

The key signal to the world that

there has been a change of policy would be for those attending the im-

plementation conference to commit

themselves to the immediate extradi-

tion of indicted war criminals in both

Croatia and Serbia

From the President and Chief Executive of the International Crisis Group

Sir. I agree wholeheartedly with your leading article, "The egg revolution" (November 29), about the West's readiness to do business with the disreputable Presidents of Croatia and Serbia. By courting these two men the West has wasted a year in Bosnia and quite possibly will be seen to have thrown away the opportunity for peace that the Dayton agreement pro-

The Bosnia Peace Implementation Conference to be held in London on December 4-5 provides the last chance to rescue the Dayton accords. Our

Gargoyles and plaques From Mr N. L. Denton

Sir. My Oxford college, New College, lists donors to its development fund in the annual New College Record rather than commemorate them with plaques (report, November 19; letters, November 27), and the Warden holds occasional events to which donors are invited.

Last night I attended a reception in New College followed by a spirited performance of Handel's oratorio Alexander's Feast in the chapel. Such events are a far more worthwhile means of showing appreciation, and provide an excellent opportunity to meet other college members and to renew acquaintances.

Yours faithfully. NIGEL L. DENTON, 12 Maria Court, Southcote Road, Reading, Berkshire. From Canon Ivor Davies

President and Chief Executive.

International Crisis Group,

Serbia and Croatia.

NICHOLAS HINTON.

3 Catherine Place, SWI.

Yours faithfully.

November 29.

Yours faithfully,

TVOR DAVIES,

Sir, The church of Nantgwyllt in Radnorshire was built by Birmingham Corporation at the end of the last century to replace one submerged by the Elan Valley reservoirs. .

The stone heads on the walls of the nave represent the Apostles but were modelled on worthy members of the corporation. It is said that an unpopular alderman is immortalised as Judas Iscariot.

Holly Cottage, 6 The Cwm, Knighton, Powys. December 1. Letters that are intended

for publication should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number -0171-782 5046

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE December & The Queen held an Investiture at Buckingham Palace

this morning.

Mrs Mubarak (wife of The President of the Arab Republic of Egypt)
was received by Her Majesty.
Members of the Australian Rugby Members of the Australian Rugby Union Team, accompanied by the High Commissioner of Australia, were received by The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh this afternoon at Buckingham Palace and remained to

Tea.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness this evenung attended a Concert
of Massed Bands at the Royal
Festival Hall and were received by
the Chief Esecutive (Mr Nicholas
Snowman) and the Major General
Commanding Household Division
(Major General Isian Mackay-Dick).
The Duke of Edinburgh this morning anended a briefing and Luncheon
given by the Chief of the Defence Staff
at the Ministry of Defence, Whitehall. of the Ministry of Defence, Whitehal

at the Ministry of Defence, Whitehall, London SWI.

His Royal Highness, Patron and Trustee, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, this afternoon visited Award House, 7-11 St. Matthew Street, London SWI.

The Lady Susan Hussey has succeeded the Hon Mary Morrison as Lady-in-Wairing to The Queen.

December 3: The Princess Royal, President, The Princess Royal Trust for Carrers, this evening anended the British Quality Foundation's 1996 Gala Dinner and UK Quality Awards Presentation at the Grosvenor House Hotel, London WI.

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December 3: The Hon Mrs Rhodes
has succeeded the Lady Angela
Oswald as Lady-in-Waiting to Queen
Elizabeth The Queen Modrer. ST JAMES'S PALACE
December 3: The Prince of Wales this

December 3: The Prince of Wales this morning opened an exhibition commemorating the Twenty Fifth Amriversary of the independence of the United Arab Emirates at the Cultural Foundation. Abu Dhabi. His Royal Highness afterwards visited the Al-Husn Fort.

The Prince of Wales was later received by Sheith Zayod bin Sultan al-Nahyan and was entertained to Luncheon by The Crown Prince. His Royal Highness this aftermoon visited the Ghantout Equestrian Complex and afterwards toured the dhow building yard at Abu Dhabi. The Prince of Wales this evening anended a Reception alongside HMS Ediaburgh for members of the British community.

Royal engagements

new Bridgewater Hall. Manchester,

the Outward Bound Trust, will preside at a meeting of the council at Buckingham Palace at 10.30.

The Duke of York, as Patrun of The Royal Marine and Royal Navy 1997 Atlantic Rowing Team, will attend the faunch of the team's boat at St Katharine's Dock, El, at noon; and will arend the Combined Services v Argentina rugby match at Devemort, Plymouth, at 6.00.

a Dinner given by Her Majesty's Ambassador (His Excellency Mr Anthony Harris) at the residence. KENSINGTON PALACE
December 3: The Duke of Gloucester

December 3: The Duke of Grouester today visited Abergavenny and was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Gwent (Sir Richard Hanbury Tenison).

In the morning His Royal Highness opened the Pregnancy Suite at Nevill Hall and District NHS Trust.

Nevill Hall and District for Sciences
Team Road.

Afterwards The Dube of Gloucester visited the new offices of Tindle
Newspapers United's Abergavenny
Chronicle, 13 Nevill Street and subsequently attended a function to
Science the 17th Americansary of the

country attended a function to ociebrate the 125th Anaiversary of the Abergavenny Chronicle at the Angel Hotel, Cross Street.

Later His Royal Highness opened the restored Chapel and tombs at St Mary's Priory Church. Monk Street. The Duchess of Gloucester, Patron, St Peter's Research Trust (for the Cure of Klidney Disease), this morning visited a Christmas Gift Fair at Holy Trinity Church Hall, Brompton Road, London SW7.

The Duchess of Gloucester altended a function in honour of Mrs Muharak, wife of the President of the Arab Republic of Egypt, at 75 South Andley Street, London W1.

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December 3: The Duke of Kent.
Grand Muster, this afternoon visited
the Sussex Masonic Centre. Queens
Road, Brighton, and, as Grand
President, later opened the Royal
Masonic Benevolent Institution's
Home. Barford Caurt. Kingsway,
Hove, East Sussex.

His Royal Highness, Deputy Colonel-in-Chief, The Royal Scots Dragoon Guards (Carabiniers and
Greys), this afternoon attended a
Regimental Dinner at the Cavalry
and Guards Club, Piccadilly, London
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THATCHED HOUSE LODGE THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
December 3: Princess Alexandra,
Patron, this evening attended a
"Celebration of Christmas" Concert
in aid of the New Bridge (a charity
creating links between the offender
and the community) at the Guards
Chapel, Wellington Barracks,
London SWI.
Her Royal Highness was represented by the Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy
at the Service of Thanksgiving for the
Life of the Lord Amery of Lustleigh
which was held today in St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey.

Centre, 181 Wandsworth High Street, at 10.15: as President of the Save the Children Fund. will meet fund staff at 66 South Lambeth Road. Vauxhall,

The Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, will open the

66 South Lambeth Road. Vauxhall, SWB, at 12.30; and, as Commandanin-Chief of St John Ambulance and Nursing Cadets, will attend a briefing, St John Ambulance in Care in the Community (CTTC), at St John House Club, Eaton Place, SWI, at 2.15. Later, she will present the Torch Trophy Trusts's annual awards at Simpson (Piccodilly) at 6.25; and will preside at a dinner for heads of delegation attending a conference on peace in Bosnia-Herzegovina at St James's Pairce at 8.30. The Duke of Edinburgh, as Patron of Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother will attend a dinner with the Bench-ers at Middle Temple at 7.45.

sosnia-Herzegovina at St James's Patror at 8.30. Princess Alexanden, as vice-mesident, of the British Red Cross Society, will visit Lancaster and Morecambe The Princess Royal, as President of Lancashire at 11.35; and as chancellor, will open Wandsworth Carers, will open Wandsworth Carers will preside at degree ceremonies at Lancaster University at 12.30.

Lord Amery of Lustleigh

Princess Alexandra was represented by the Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy at a service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Lord Amery of Lustleigh held yesterday at St Margaret's Church, West-minster Abbey.

The Crown Princess Sarvata el Hassan of Jordan attended. King Husain of Jordan was represented by the Ambassador of Jordan and the Sultan of Oman by Dr Omar Al-Zawawi. Special Adviser to the Sultan. The President of Romania anended.

Canon Donald Gray, Chaplain to the Speaker, officiated, assisted by the Rev Desmond Tillyer, Vicar of Sr Peter's, Eaton Square, who

led the prayers.

Mr Mercury Hare, son-in-law, and the Earl of Stockton, nephew, read the lessons. Mr John Boteler, and the lessons. Mr John Boteler, and the lessons. son-in-law, read from Julian Amery's Sons of the Eagle, Mr Winston S. Churchill, MP, gave an address. The Bishop of Chichester was robed and seated in the

Sanctuary.
The Lord Chancellor, the The Lord Chancellor, the Speaker, Sir Edward Heath, KG, MP, und King Leka I of the Albanians attended. The Prime Minister was represented by Lord McColl of Dulwich. The Secretary of State for the Home Department, the Lord Privy Seal and Leader of the Home of Lord of the Marke of Lord of the Market of Lord of the Market of Lord of the Market of the Ma the House of Lords and the Attorney Geneneral attended. The Chairman of the Conservative Party was represented by Baroness Seccombe. Among others present met of

The Hon Lao Amery (son), the Hon Louise Amery, the Hon Mrs Boteler and the Hon Mrs Hare idaughters), Jack Booeler. Catherine Boteler and

Dr Douglas Guest

A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Dr Douglas Guest, CVO, will be held at noon

on Monday, February 10, 1997, in Westminster Abbey. Those wish-ing to attend are invited to apply for tickets, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope, to: The Assis-

tant Receiver General (Protocol), Room 10, The Chapter Office, 20

Dean's Yard, London, SWIP 3PA.

Tickets will be posted by the end of

Memorial service

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The Dowager Lady Egremont, Lord Ellion of Morpeth, Anne Lady Elion, Baroness Felkender, Lord and Lady Fanshawe of Richmond, Lord Glason-Watt. Lord Glentoran, Lord Harlech, Lord Hayloe, Lord Hentler, Lord Holderness, Baroness Hooper, Lord Howe of Aberavan, CH. OC. Lord Jenkins of Hillhead, OM, Lord Kindail, Lord and Lady King of Wannator, Lord Kingland, CC.

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Royal Pharmacentical Society of Great British Mr Ian Caldwell, President of the

MacDougall A memorial service for Mr John A. MacDougall will be held at St James's Church, Piccadilly. London, at 3.00pm on Tuesday, January 14, 1997. Donations. if desired, to The Kennel Club Charitable Trust, 1-5 Clarges Street, London WIY RAR

Luncheons HM Government

January.

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MM Government
Mr Jersey Hanley, Minister of State
for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was the host at a luncheon
given by Her Majesty's Government
at Admiralty House yesterday for Mr
Masahilto Komura, Japanese Foreign Secretary eign Secretary.

Consular Corps of London Mr Willie S. Wilder. President of the consular Corps of London, was in the chair at the annual Christmas lun-cheon of the corps held yesterday ar the Britannia Hotel, WI.

Dinners -

Coningsby Club
Mr Michael Howard, QC, Secretary
of State for Home Affairs, was the
guest of honour and speaker at the
Christmas dinner given by the Officers and Committee of the Coningsby
Club last night at the Army and Navy
Club, Mr Anthony Parsons, chairman, presided. land Erra. President of the Mid-Atlantic Clubs, was the host at a dinner held last night at the House of Lords to mark the Esta anniversary of the foundation of the clubs. The Swiss Ambassador, the Partuguese Ambas-sador, Dr Peser von Butler of the German Embassy. Sir Frank Rob-erts, Sir Peser Parker, Buron Bernard Snoy and Mr Walter Lessing, chair-man of the Mid-Atlantic Club in the United Kingdom, were among those present. Birthdays today: Mr Farhad Afshar, neurosurgeon, 56; the Marchioness of Anglesey, 72: 5ir Stephen Barrett, diplomat, 65; 5ir Frederick Bishop, former directorgeneral, National Triss, 81; Lieutenaur-Colonel Sir Simon Bland, former royal equerry, 73; Miss Joan Brady, novelist, 57; Mr Jeff Bridges, actor, 47; Mrs Angela Browning, MP, 50; Miss Ann Christopher, soulptor, 49; Mr Ronnie Corbett, comedian, 66; Mr Hywel Davies, former jockey, 40; Vice-Admiral Sir David Dobson, 58; Miss Deanna Durbin, former actress and singer, 75; Judge Head, 75; Mr Nigel Heslop, rugby Jeague player, 33; Miss Anke Huber, aemis player.

Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, presided at a dinner held last night at 1 Lambeth High Street. Sir Donald Irvine, President of the General Medical Council, also the General Medical Council, also spoke. Among others present were Lord Mackey of Ardbrecknish. Mr Gordon Cales. MP. Sir Michael Shersby. MP. and Lady Shersby. Sir John Hannach. MP. the Registrar of the General Medical Cooncil, the President of the Association of the British Pharanaceurical Industry, the Master and the Clerk of the Society of Apotheomies of London, the Chalman of the National Pharmaceurical Association, the Editor of the Edition of the Editor of the Edition of the Editor the Editor of the Editor of the Editor of the Editor the Editor the Editor than the Editor than the Editor of the Editor than the Editor tha

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University Club
Sir Pener Yarranton was the principal
speaker as a dinner of the United
Oxford & Cambridge University
Club held has night at the club house.
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The Teddy Bears
The Teddy Bears had a picnic last
night at Shepherd's, Marsham
Street, in memory of Reg Hayter.

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Lecture

English-Speaking Union
Mrs Mary Robinson, President of
Irebrad, delivered the 1997 Churchill
Lecture to the English-Speaking
Union last night in Guildhall, Baroness Brigstocke, chairman of the
union, presided. Sir John Coles also
spoke. Sir Derek and Lady Brikin
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Service dinner

Miss Germa Jones, actress, 54: Mr
Clive Leach, former chairman and
chief executive. Tyne Tees Television,
62; Mrs Pameia W. Manthews, former Principal, Westfield College, 82:
Mr Richard Meade, three-day
eventer, 58: Mr W.N. Menzies-Wilson, former chairman, Ocean Transport and Trading, 70: Miss Yvonne
Minton, mezo-soprano, 53: Professor
Lord Morris of Castle Morris, 65: Dr
A.I. Rowse, FBA, historian, 93: Miss Reyal Scots Dragoon Guards
The Duke of Kent. Deputy Colonelin-Chief, attended the 25th auniversary regimental dinner of the Royal
Scots Dragoon Guards (Carabiniers A.L. Rowse, FBA. historian, 93; Miss Pamela Stephenson, comedienne, 46: Dr Jeffrey Tobias, oncologist and radiotherapist, 50. and Greys) held last night at the Cavalry and Guards Club. Major-General Charles Ramsay, Colonel of

Wycombe Abbey

of the CPA list night at the House of Commons to mark his term as international chairman of the association.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.M.R. Brufal de Melgarejo The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of the Marqués and Marquesa de Lendinez, of Fleet, Hampshire and Gibraltar, and Sarah, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs P. Feeney, of Birkdale, Lancashire.

Mr D.P.R. Govett and Miss LR. Streeten The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr Peter Govett, of Chelses, London, and Mrs Michael Moore, of Belgravia London and Jennifer daughter of Mr and Mrs Basil Streeten, of Lingfield, Surrey.

Mr R.G. Greville Williams and Miss LK.H. Meredith ... and Miss Licht. Weredund
The engagement is announced
between Robin, younger aon of the
late Mr Aubrey Greville Williams
and of Mrs Greville Williams, and
Louisa, only daughter of Lieurenant Colonel and Mrs Michael
Meredith Meredith.

Mr J.St C. Hardy and Miss LA. Heber Percy
The engagement is announced
between Justin, son of Mr Robin
Hardy and the late Mrs Caroline Hardy, and Larissa, daughter of Mr Alan Heber Percy and Mrs John Gough

John Gouga.

Mr A.M. Hasser Johnston
and Mrs K.P. Clarke
The engagement is announced
between Andrew, eldest son of Mr
and Mrs David Hunter Johnston,
of North Perrott, Somerset, and
Kay, daughter of Mr and Mrs
Richard-Stanbury, of Peasmarsh,
East Stanbury, of Peasmarsh, East Susses.

Mr.C.G. Manufe and Miss C.C. Pegna The engagement is announced between Christopher George, son of Mrs Susan Maude, of Lands of Mrs Susset Mande, of Linus Farm, West Ansley, and Mr Mau-rice Maude, and Clare Catherine (Dolly), daughter of Mr and Mrs Edward Pegna, of Wick Street, Gloucessershire. and Miss F.S.R. Taylor

The engagement is announced between Daniel, son of Mr and Mrs Gwyn Nicholas, of Pentre. Shropshire, and Fenelia, daughter of Colonel and Mrs Jeremy Taylor, of Little Faringdon, Oxfordshire.

Mr.J.G. White and Miss A.L. Dobinson The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr and Mrs Graham White, of Tickhill, Yorkshire, and Angela, eldest

daughter of Mrs. Hazel Dobinson. of East Harlsey, Yorkshire. Mr N.P. Woolf and Miss J.H. Glackstein The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs Robin Woolf, of London, and Julies, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs John Glockstein, of Peter-

sham, Surrey. -Marriages

Mr M. Henley and Dr S.E. Piggott

The marriage took place at St Leonard's Church, Wollaton, Nottingham, on November 30, 1996, of Mark, son of Mr and Mrs Charles Henley, and Susanna Elizabeth. daughter of Mr and Mrs Harry Piggott.

Mr P.H. Southwell and Miss J. Yong
The marriage took place on Saturday. November 30, at the
Church of the Immaculate Conception, Farms Street, London WI, of
Mr Philip Hugh Southwell to Miss

Jojo Yong Father Francis Ed-wards officiated The bride was given in marriage by her father. Mr Frank Yong, and was attended by four bridesmaids. Mr. Thomas Ferrand was best

The reception was held at Claridges and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

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Premium Bonds The following Premium Bond

prizewinners were announced yesterday: E100,000: 49kW 138709, winner has a holding of £19,964 and comes from Berkshire: 30BW 546200, £20,000. Cheshire: 22GF 109161, £2,701, Esset: 46LT 505356, £20,000. Strathclyde. Cheshire: 2267 109161, 52.701, 528er. 46LT 505356, 520,000, Strathclyde. 654,000; 2077 842054, 59.209, Hampshire: 2507, 842054, 59.209, Hampshire: 2507, 304120, 519.405. East Susser: 685 703738, E29, West Susser: 8CS 102735, 17.000, South Yorkshire: 58GK 883440, 619,700, Avoid: 18CF 908794, E5.100, Overseas: 5942 128928, £1,000, Strathclyde: 4475 618861, £17.851, 30dditeser. 255,000; 28MN 574216, £1,952, West Susser: 177W 378502, £2.800, West Susser: 36R8 534442, £500, Dertyshire: 248K 809287, £1,070, Dorser-277WV 398467, £250, Strathclyde: 40DZ 500586, £5.035, Esser: 60MP 9856782, £3,010, Hampshire; 66LW 180126, £5,050, Middleser: 2515, 207708, £19.405, Humberside: 530M 011444, £19.999, Berkshire; 1948-35862, £20,000, Hampshire; 320793609, £5.000, Lincolnshire; 44CM 215258, £2,510, Devoir: 2878, 246730, £20,000, Buckinghamskire; 320B 515234, £2,000, Merseyside.

Reception Commonwealth Parlies

Sir Colin Shepherd, MP, was the guest at a reception given by the

Anniversaries BIRTHS: Thomas Cartyle, essayist

and historian. Ecclefechan. Dumfriesshire, 1795; Samuel Buf-ler, author of The Way of All Flesh. Langar Rectory, Nottinghamshire. 1835; Edith Cavell, nurse, Swardeston, Norfolk, 1865; Francisco Franco, dictator of Spain 1939-75, El Ferrol, Galicia, 1892. DEATHS: Armand Jean, Duc de Richelien, cardinal and statesman, Paris, 1642; Thomas Hobbes, philosopher. Hardwick Hall. Derbyshire, 1679; John Gay, poet. London, 1732; Luigi Galvani, physician and physicist, Bologna, 1798; Robert Banks Jenkinson, 2nd Earl of Liverpool, Prime Minister 1812-27, London, 1828; William Sturgeon, physicist, Prestwick, Lancashire, 1850; Thomas Mor-gan, biologist, Nobel laureate 1933, Pasadena, California, 1945; Benja-min Britten, Baron Britten, com-

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MARCH - (m November 29th
at St Richard's Hospital,
Chichester, to Janet (née
Astor) and Charles, a son.

MASTERTON - On 18th
November 1996, to Caroline
(née Mayfield) and James, a
daughter, Sophie
Chimentine, a sister to filia.

Clementies, a sessor to mine.
MacCARTHY - On 23rd
November 1996 at St.
George's Rospital, Tooting.
Congratulations to See (nee
Caellin) and Tom on the
joyful occasion of the birth Cecilin) and consists of the birth of handsome twin sons, Jacob Thomas and Fintan Joseph. First quantichlidren for Anne and Patsy. Engerly awaited and dearly leved by

Abigall Tannain.

1996 in Chester, to Louise and Charles, a brother for Hingh.

RAMEAY - On 5th November 1996, to Jesusa (new McLara) and Robert, a mr.

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TOOLEY - On November 29th, to Neil and Lien (146 Kemp), of Norwich, Norfolk, a son, Subsetian Full David. 30th at The Fortland Hospital, to Serons and Hospital, to Serons and Henry, a sen, Edward Charles James. Thomas John.

ASSOCIATION Marjoribanks (Jock) very suddenly but pescafully at Coldstream on Priday 29th November 1996. John Marjoribanks (Jock) Assew. CRE, denty loved husband of Priscilla and bather of Henry and Sazah. Cremetion private. Funeral Bayles at Lasylick Cassaher Temples 5th December at 230 pm. 1996 after a short illness, father in short illness, father in short illness, father in the fount festioestial Home St johns Woking Peneral Service at Woking St Johns Crematorium on Friday December 6th at 4.30 pm. Enquiries to Woking Funezal Service sat: (01483) 772266.

CHURCHILL - Pascrinly on Advent Sunday December 1st john Churchill, musician, much loved husband of jean and father of Joanshan, Ricola and Patet. Fituate ctumatica. Thanksgiving Savice in St Giles Church, Sidbury, Devon an Wedneday

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CANNE - Lady (Rimabeth)
suddaniy on 30th November
aged 37. Widow of the late
the Eric Bowyer KCA, KEE
(died 1964) and of the late
Sir Sydney Caine KCMG
(died 1994). Much loved
mother of Devid, Margaret,
jean, Andrew, and Terry and
beloved stepmother, motherin-law and grandmother.
Pursual at St John's Chapal,
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Monday 9th December at
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Open Air Museum at
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CAME - Peacefully in hospital following a short filmess on Sunday December 1st, 1996, john Edward Bentley, aged 87 years, father of David, Sally and jedy and heaband of Margaret (Bintout). Cremation private, Service et Cleish Parish Church on Wedneeday December 4th at 12 noon, Family flowers only but donations may be sent to Rachel House, Children's Hospice, Avenue Eoad, Kinroes, KY13 7EF. No lettens piezes.

Giles Church, Sidbury, Devon on Wedneday December 11th at 230 pm. No flowers by request but donations if desired to Sidmouth Hospital Comforts Fund of Morthcut Brothers, Church Street, Sidford, Sidmouth, Devon, EX10 9KE.

Monday 9th December at 11am followed by family interment at Hinton name followed by family interment at Hinton Waldrigs. No flowers. Donations in Heu to St Lukes Nursing Home, Latiner Read, Caferd, CHS 775.

COLE - The Reverend John Wilfrid aged 89 years, peacefully in St Lukes Norsing Home, Cried an 30th Envenier 1970. Due 1970 the late Catherine, father, grandfather and great-productive remain Series at School Charles of the late of the

BRL. - Lary Clare (Laty) Dill, of Newbold Flace, Devenshire, Bermuda; died peacefully in Bermuda; died peacefully in Bermuda; on 24th November 1976 in her 91st year, Widow of Sir Beyard Dill and loving and greatly beloved mother, grandmother and great-genedmother. Family flowers only, Domations if desired to The West Meath Home, Pitts Bey Road, Punituolin, HMO6 Sections.

NAMELLY - On 27th November 1996 Lady Lydin May of Town Thorns, nr. Rugby-Beloved wife of Sir Frank, hoving mother of Frank and Peter, mother-law to Valerie and a transured grandsother. The Fanaral service will take place at Town Thorns Besidential Centre, Resemball, nr. Rugby on Meeday 9th December at 12 noon followed by germation. Family flowers only, donations in Hen for EFN may be sent to Walton & Taylor, 16 Rellway Tennon, Rugby CV21 28W, telr (01788) 543008.

HARTLEY - (Me Bail) Joyce (Wendy) aged 75 died suddenly at Oneen Mary's Hospital, Roshampton on December let Dently leved wife, mother and grandwother.

HERRIES - On 30th Movember 1996 suddenly and unexpectedly, John Medwyn of Cambrin House, Battom, Ely, Cambr (formerly of Euchin) aged 61 years, Hunband of Jennifor and father of Elizabeth and Alisen, Funcal Service at Et Andrew's Church, Settem on Friday 6th December 1996 at 2 pm followed by private cremation. Flowers and donations in his manney for Andrehotokes NES Trest (for Neurosciences Critical Care Appeal) may be sent to Ely Funcal Service, Tower Beed, Ely, Camba. CE7 4EW.

Stillery - Bother Alice, wife of David Grynn, died at Futney Hospital on 25th Hovember 1976. Her offer of her hody has been accepted by the London School of Anacony consequently there will be no funeral service. A calciumtion of her life as a teacher of singing will be held at 3t Paul's Church, Anguston Road, Winhindon Parkside, London SW19 at 11.20 am on Wednesday 8th lo join are welcome and may meet informally afterwards in the adjacent Community Centre and the Church where refreshments will be served. Any dometions will be served.

HUNT - On November 28th, at home, Tenna, beloved designers of Mary Maley and most density loved wife of Paul and mother of Simon, Christopher and Sarah and grandmother of Phoebe, Clem, Minun, George, Max and Any, Feneral at Christ-Church, Copse Hill, Wimbleden an Tuesday, 10th December at 10.30 am, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to St Exphasis Hospics, 801 London Road, Chema, 5863 70W.

Retries - (Rie Wilkins) Mavis Rosin Conzan, desriy loved mother of Jeremy, Christopher and Rickeney, peacefully at St Thomas' Nursing House or 30th November Fasses Service to be held at Galldford Commercium Monday 9th December at 9:30 nn. Family flowers only. Donations if wished to St Thomas' clo is a large of the service of the servi

JESSEI. - Dums Penelope peacafulty at home in Cansington on December 2nd, widow of Bobby, much loved mother of Stephen and David, grandmother of Ben, Robert and Mirenda, Francai at St Lauxunce's Church, Appleton, Saturday December 7th at 2,30 pm. Funcial Biracius AW. Broce, 29 Rogers Street, Summertown, Onford.

ROMMSTON - W.M. (miles) E.A. ret'd. Passed away on 29th November in Salisbury aged 53 years. He will be sailly missed by his family. Funeral Service at Salisbury Cremetorium on Priday 6th December at 4.20 pm. No flowers but magnituse of IX. Novemba Ltd., F/Directure, (01722) 413126.

RETTIEWELL - On November 30th 1976 peacafully at St. Feters Hospital Chartsey. Margiret Exide aged 83 years. Dearly level wife and a constant companion for 57 years of her insuland finitional formationather. Funeral service at Working St. Johns Community fine were only. Dearmily flowers only. Dearmily flowers only. Dearmily flowers only. Dearmily St. Cart & Speal of Working Funeral Service tait (01483) 772266.

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service will be held at
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Main Chapel on Friday
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which all minde are bevind.
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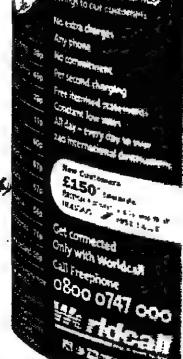


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AIR MARSHAL SIR DENIS CROWLEY-MILLING

Air Marshal Sir Denis Crowley-Milling, KCB, CBE, DSO, DFC and Bar, wartime fighter ace, died on December 1 aged 77. He was born on March 22, 1919

protègé of Douglas Bader during the Battle of Britain, Denis Crowley-Milling was involved in the legless ace's "Big Wing" tactics, those heady aerial massed cavalry charges whose efficacy has since been questioned. Flying under Bader in the famous 242 Squadron. Crowley-Milling nevertheless al-ways acknowledged the inspira-tional quality of his leadership. He later spoke of the exhibitarating feeling of being able to tear into the marauding German bomber fleets with a swarm of 50 or 60 fighters at

Starting as an NCO pilot, Crowley-Milling was in the thick of the air fighting from the Battle of France until the end of 1943, when he was eventually rested from operations. In that time he was shot down twice - once over France from where he made his way back to England via Spain. He took part in the air operations which sup-ported the ill-fated Dieppe raid of 1942 and later commanded a Typhoon wing in strafing and bombing attacks on airfields, trooptrains and targets of opportunity in occupied Europe.

The end of the war did not mean the end of a highly active flying career. Granted a regular commission in 1945, he graduated to jets. and in 1948 was involved in tense Vampire patrols over the Suez Canal Zone as the Spitfires of the nascent Israeli air force probed Egyptian airspace. In 1953 he led the Gloster Meteors of RAF Odiham during the Queen's Coronation Review flypast.

Denis Crowley-Milling was born at Rhyl, North Wales, and educated at Maivern College, Leaving school in 1937, he went as an aeroengineering apprentice to Rolls-Royce, a training that was to stand him in good stead when war came. Pilots with a thorough knowledge of what went on under their engine cowling were at a distract advan-tage over those who considered that such mechanical matters were no concern of an officer and a

While at Rolls-Royce Crowley-Milling also learnt to fly at week-ends with the RAF Volunteer Reserve. Hence, when war came two years after he had begun his apprenticeship he was already able to make a useful contribution.

His first fighter posting was to 607 Squadron which was sent to France a formight after the war began, as part of the Air Compo-nent of the British Expeditionary Force. The squadron was halfway through converting from its biplane Gladiators to Hurricanes when the Blitzkrieg broke on the Western Front on May 10, 1940, and it was savaged to ribbons in the heavy and confused fighting that followed. It was eventually entricated from the confusion and returned to England,

Crowley-Milling next joined 242
Squadron, also flying Hurricanes. No 242 was later to achieve almost mythological status as the fprincipally Canadian) unit whose shattered morale was restored by



Douglas Bader who went on to lead it to glory in the Battle of Britain. But when Crowley-Milling joined it, those days were yet to come.

Like 607 Squadron, No 242 had become a victim of the chaotic circumstances of the Anglo-French defeat. It had great success against the Luftwaffe while operating over the Dunkirk beachhead from its Biggin Hill base in May and June 1940. But in a disastrous decision,

the squadron was rebased to France after Dunkirk and found itself supporting the shattered remants of the Advanced Air Striking Force from a series of airfields south of Paris. Losing most of its equipment during a series of ill-planned retreats under heavy fire from the pursuing German Army, 242 was lucky to drag itself back to England with its

state of its Canadian pilots is well captured in Paul Brickhill's biography of Bader, Reach for the Sky — and in the subsequent film of the same titie.

In an astonishingly short time No 242 had become one of Fighter Command's most upbeat units and Crowley-Milling scored his first drag itself back to England with its morale in a rock-bottom condition.

combat victory — the destruction of a Heinkel 111 — in August. As the

battle reached its climax in the following month, Crowley-Milling claimed three more Luftwaffe victims, returning to the fray undaunted in spite of having been shot down and injured on September 6.

Shooting down further German aircraft during the early months of 1941, Crowley-Milling was award-ed his first DFC in April shortly before being promoted as a flight commander to 610 Squadron, flying Spitfires. After recuperating from the Battle of Britain, Fighter Command was now ready to go onto the offensive and 610 was in the van, carrying out sweeps over occupied France Crowley-Milling had several more combat victories, and was appointed to command his

But in August 1941 he was shot down over France, when his squad-ron was attacked by Mel09s on its return home. He evaded capture and was able to make his way to the Spanish frontier after several weeks of adventures and close shaves. Franco's Spain was not impressed and lodged him in an internment camp for some months. But be eventually secured his return to England by 1942 and was back in action in time for the Dieppe raid on August 19 of that year, being awarded a Bar to his DFC shortly afterwards.

Thereafter he was put on to Typhoon fighter bombers, robust aircraft which were playing an increasingly important part in the ground attack campaign. As commander of, first, 181 Squadron and then of 16 Wing, Crowley-Milling became a specialist leader in this mode of operations and in August 1943 was awarded the DSO. That

was the end of his warthne operational flying, but he had a further valuable role to play as a fighter coordinator. He ended the war with eight kills.

He rose rapidly to senior ap-pointments in the years after 1945. In the 1960s he was AOC Hong Kong and from 1967 to 1970 was Principal Air Attaché in Washington. In this role his flying experience was invaluable in the advice he was able to give the pilots of the US Marine Corps which had just acquired the McDonnell Douglasbuilt version of the British Harrier jump-jet. He had two group commands — of 38 (tactical) Group and 46 (transport) Group — between 1970 and 1974, before taking up his final appointment, in Turkey, as British Representative on the Permanent Military Deputies Committee of the Central Treaty

Organisation. In retirement he was Controller of the RAF Benevolent Fund from 1975 to 1981. Among his achievements was the establishment of the Royal International Air Tattoo, the highly successful summer fundraising event held annually at Fair-ford, Gloucestershire. In the spirit of his legless mentor he was active in promoting its sponsored scholarship scheme to teach disabled people to fly, after Bader's death in 1982.

Appointed CBE in 1963 and KCB in 1973, he was a Gentleman Usher of the Scarlet Rod of the Order of the Bath, and registrar and secre-tary of the Order from 1985 to 1990. He married in 1943 Lorna Jean Jeboult (nee Stuttard) and is survived by her and by two daughters. A son died in infancy.

EVELYN HOOKER

Evelyn Hooker, American psychologist, died on November 18 aged 89. She was born on September 2, 1907.

EVELYN HOOKER was the psychologist whose sympathetic research into homosexual behaviour during the 1950s greatly emboldened the fledgeling "gay rights" movement in America and sent shock waves through conventional medical opinion. Her academic paper, The Adjust-ment of the Male Overt Homasexual (1957), argued that there was no discernible psychological difference between the heterosexual and the homosexual male.

Born in Nebraska, Evelyn Gentry, as she was before marriage, was brought up in a ... States to become a researchpoor farming family, one of assistant in the psychology nine children. She worked her faculty at the University of

way through college, taking her master's degree at the University of Colorado and, in 1932, securing a doctorate from Baltimore's Johns Hopkins University

In 1936 she spent a year in Berlin on an internship at the Institute of Psychotherapy. Lodged with a Jewish family, she acquired from the trip an early lesson in higotry: she saw those with whom she stayed and their friends lose their jobs and even undergo taunting in the streets. At the same time, somewhat oddly, she worked as a counsellor to the Nazi Youth movement in which capacity, she used subsequently to say, she hoped she had counselled some of them to see sense.

She returned to the United



California at Los Angeles. There she conducted studies on rats and taught for 18 hours a week. In the lecture room, with her husicy voice commanding presence and impressive of frame, she was often compared to Eleanor Roosevelt

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students, including one young gay man who introduced her to a network of homosexual friends. On the fringes of this group were such British expatriates, then working in Hollywood, as W. H. Auden and Christopher Isherwood, the latter of whom lived in the guest cottage of Hooker's home in Brentwood.

As a pioneering psycholo-gist, Hooker decided to make a study of this hitherto overlooked community. It was the first time that such a survey had taken well-adjusted healthy men for its subjects. Previous studies had focused on inmates of prisons or patients in psychiatric wards - an approach unconsciously underwritten by the American Psychological Association's listing of homosexuality as a

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National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), Hooker assembled a group of homosexual men and a comparison group of heterosexual maies, and put them through a series of standard personality tests. The expert judges of these tests, much to their amazement, found it impossible to say that one group was healthier or better adjusted than the

Hooker's report of her find-ings was delivered to the American Psychological Association (APA) in 1956, and published in The Journal of Projective Techniques the following year. It not only made her name as an expert on homosexual behaviour, but paved the way for further, more sympathetic studies of homosexuals by others.

In the spirit of an anthropologist, Hooker pressed ahead with research into the gay bar scene, and in the late 1960s was made director of the NIMH task force on homosexuality. Under her leadership the group recommended decriminalising homosexual acts between consenting adults - a suggestion that has still not been adopted by some of the more conservative states. In retrospect, Hooker felt she had been a little optimistic in hoping that all her advice would be taken. Nevertheless, she was heartened when, in December 1973. the APA board of trustees voted to remove homosexuality from its diagnostic manual.

Hooker retired from UCLA in 1970 and went into private practice in Westwood as a psychotherapist. Her last years were spent reviewing scientific papers, and giving interviews to the growing body of historians and documentary film-makers of the gay movement. She was pleased that her scientific career seemed to have had such a beneficial effect on ordinary lives, but she was not always the best subject to interview. Unwary journalists might leave the encounter feeling that they had revealed more about themselves than they had managed to glean from Hooker.

Her first marriage ended in divorce and her second, to an English literature professor, Edward Hooker, ended with his death in 1957. There were no children of either marriage.

MICHAEL CHARNLEY

Michael Charnley, choreographer, died on November 19 aged 74. He was born on August 24, 1022

DURING the 1950s Michael Charnley seemed one of British ballet's most promising talents and two leading companies mounted works by him. The most popular was Symphony for Fun, made in 1952 for Festival Ballet to the lighthearted Symphony No 5½ by the American composer Don Gillis. It starred the young John Gilpin, Noel Rossana and Anita Landa, and exploited their technical prowess with great zest and many jokes. The work held its place in the repertoire for ten

years. Charnley had come to notice through Ballet Workshop, a club organisation presenting new works on Sunday nights at the Mercury Theatre, Notting Hill - Charnley made four works for them, in contrasted styles. The first three were slight but interesting; his breakthrough came with Movimientos, to a score in South American idiom commissioned from Michael Hobson. Charnley's dances gave an impression of both bril-

liance and spontaneity.

Marie Rambert liked this enough to take it into Ballet Rambert's repertoire; and Anton Dolin, who attended the

first night, at once commissioned Charnley to make Symphony for Fun. That, in turn, led to a commission from Christian Simpson for a 45minute arts documentray on BBC television. Dance Contrasts, transmitted live from the Lime Grove studios in November 1952. It comprised 12 numbers with many camera tricks.

Charnley's next ballet, a two-act Alice in Wonderland for Festival Ballet, with a large cast and again using specially written music (by Joseph Horovitz), was perhaps too ambitious, but after some trimming it survived for three years and was shown on BBC television with special effects by the choreographer.

The Monte Carlo wedding of Grace Kelly and Prince Rainier in 1956 was marked by another Charnley creation for Festival Ballet, Homage to a Princess, to music by Stan Kenton. There was also a Chopin ballet, Hence in Solitude, for the Sunday Ballet Club in 1960. Between these productions. Charnley was kept busy as dancer, choreographer or director with shows, films and operas; he then went for five years in the 1960s to Australia, where he worked on

films, television and cabaret. Charnley's beginnings foreshadowed his mixed career. Unhappy at home and school in Salford, he ran away at 14 to the Isles of Scilly and thence to London, where the Boys' Aid Society found him digs and jobs - among the latter that of call-boy at the London Palladi-um. He decided he wanted a career on the boards, and an astrologer told him he would be a dancer. First Kurt Jooss and then

Ninette de Valois offered him

scholarships (the war was on by now, and male dancers were few and far between). He danced for a time with Sadler's Wells Ballet. Ballets Jooss and other companies; it was with Jooss, he said, that he learnt the importance of creating personality on stage. Then in America he studied with Adolph Bolm, Martha Graham and Hanya Holm,

worked as a dancer and choreographer in films and television and in the show Inside USA. On returning to London, his first notable success was in arranging the dances and appearing as Bow-Wow in Picasso's Surrealist play, Desire Caught by the Tail, at the Watergate

His best years followed, but his final decades were dogged by illness, though he taught occasionally.

He married Valentina Belova, who ran a small ballet company in Belgium with which he danced for a time in the early 1950s. She survives him.



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UNMARRIED DAUGHTERS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES. Sir.- Your excellent leader on unmarried daughters and the two interesting letters that have followed it touch a large and really serious question in our present modern life.
"A Mother of Daughters" has, I think, dealt with the question on a much wider basis and from a more practical standpoint than Mrs. Garrett Anderson, who, it seems to me, has rather lost the point of the difficulty.

There are already hundreds of capable,

well-trained girls working and enjoying their work in one or other of the many professions now open to women. The number of "working girls" increases year by year, and most of the women's occupations are in grave danger of being overcrowded. In such a case as the one she writes of; where the supply is not equal to the demand, it is pretty certain that when once this becomes known there will be no lack of

The real difficulty lies among those un-married girls in well-to-do middle-class families who have no special vocation, who do not need to earn their living, and who would not in any case be specially fitted to do so, or capable of making their way successfully against open and keen compension. These girls are none the less valuable members of

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Mrs Garrett Anderson, the physician who pioneered the admission of women to the medical profession, took part in this correspondence.

the community, capable of making happy and useful homes, and with the same desire for scope and outlet in their lives as the independent wage-earning woman. By all means let them be trained to carry out some work well; gardening in particular seems to me to offer rich opportunities in this direction. and there are many other trained occupations which bring pleasure and interest into a

"common place" life.

Many of these girls have a small income of
their own, so which the parents could add, and where some addition can also be made through work done, so much the better, but it

should not be expected or demanded, as in the cases I write of (and they are many) disappointment would probably result. It is from 25 to 30 that the desire for outler and scope becomes keenest, and where it does not seem likely that marriage will give the natural opportunity, it is here that the parents may step in and make it possible for their daughters to have happy homes of their own. I am. Sir. yours truly

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES.

Sir,- With reference to your correspondent's [A Mother of Daughters"] letter, it may well be asked, Why cannot our unmarried daughters "employ their talents and training and feel free to turn them to the best account" from their parents' home, instead of being "set up" in one of their own? Of course these separate establishments, however small, mean additional expense, and it does not follow that sisters would be happy together whose "tiresome ways" make them more lovable to their mother at a distance. Surely it is not for mothers in these days to be offering suggestions for the disintegration of home

Faithfully yours,
A SECOND MOTHER OF DAUGHTERS

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television set. What they do instead is give themselves a new one. The young ones acquire the cast-off by default and get something else as their real present.

The fact that nobody throws away a functioning television set explains why the majority of British households have two televisions. That families with children under 16 watch more television than the rest makes it understandable that 38 per cent of households with children should have three sets. The viewing tastes of the generations do not always coincide.

The Independent Television Commission survey which collected these and other fascinating statistics about viewing behaviour (did you know that the average viewer sits just under nine feet from the set?) has just

confirmed what everybody suspected: that a large proportion of the extra sets land up in the children's bedrooms. The trust placed in the nine

o'clock watershed to mark the end of "family viewing" is therefore meaningless. Does anybody imag-ine that a self-possessed child. packed off to bed at a sensible hour, reaches towards the dark set, then mutters, "Better not, I need my sleep? Or that parents, happy to have packed the kids off at last, stealthily tiptoe up to listen through the closed door to make sure that the

little ones are not watching Newsnight? Children are watching at all hours of the day and night. That is a fact of television life. That is why the channels that pour into the house uninvited - the so-called "free" channels - have to be policed to stricter standards than are applied to the cinema or to subscription channels. True enough, the judgments handed down by the television regulatory bodies are often overlapping and arbitrary. But someone has to act in loco parentis for those whose parents don't.

What we don't need is protection against blasphemy. Of all the British laws for the European Court of Human Rights to uphold! Last week the court, usually so zealous in the cause of free speech, ruled that Britain had been right to ban a short film which shows St. Teresa of Avila cavorting in the manner of Madonna (the one with the daughter). The court argued, overturning the advice of its uwn Commission of Human Rights, that Visions of Ecstasy would have caused great offence to millions of people.

The court might have spared a thought for the millions who are offended by a law which defines blasphemy in terms of one religion only. Salman Rushdie's Satanic Verses was not exactly popular with a large and devout

ne thing parents are unlikely to give section of the British population. Yet Britain their children, for Christmas is a has stoutly and expensively defended has stoutly and expensively defended Rushdie's right to write it; those who were offended were asked to respect the views of those who were not.

Surely what is sauce for the Muslims should be sauce for the Christians? In a multicultural, increasingly secular society, blasphemy law should go the way of censorship of books and plays — a quaint relic, like the man with the red flag in front of the motor car, of what used to frighten us.

There is still, however, a consensus that pictures are more dangerous than words. With that comes a general acceptance of film censorship. In line with this perceived sliding scale of danger, films are permitted much more latitude than are TV programmes.

The difference between the two media is the box office. We go out to a special place and buy a ticket. We know what

we are going to see. If the British Board of Film Classification rating is "18", we know we can expect to see clothes and limbs come off If the film has been made by Ouentin Tarantino and we did not like seeing the policeman's ear sliced off in Reservoir Dogs, we can join another queue and swear that nothing or nobody will force us to see his subsequent (alleged) masterpiece. Pulp Fiction. But we should not call, as Bruce

Gyngeli, of Yorkshire-Tyne Tees Television, and other moralists are now doing, for the film Crash to be banned from cinemas because necrophilia is contrary to family values. Films are an art form. Those who would censor them run the risk of banning a Coriolanus or Oedipus Rex. Where they should concentrate their efforts instead is on seeing that films unsuitable for home entertainment are not sold or rented as

his is not a case of Something Must Be Done. Something has been done. British law already requires the BBFC to be far stricter in classifying films for video distribution than for cinemas. It snips and cuts to get controversial films in suitable form. bearing in mind that children may be viewing. There are criminal penalties for traders who ignore its rules. If there is one aspect of British puritanism to be proud of when continentals start laughing at us, it is this,

On Friday the BBFC will deliver to Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, the report he requested on what progress is being made in reducing the level of violence in videos. There's one recommendation the report may overlook. In the child's bedroom the responsible parent may allow a television set, but never a video cassette player.

Fun, fun, fun. in the the very grand Reform Club, tickets £12.50 a head. canteen

THE search is on for the most wretched Christmas office party in Fleet Street. The competition is tough. The tradition among newspapers to troop back to Fleet Street for some misty-eyed wassailing New Man of 1996. for old time's sake seems to have been abandoned in favour of more low-key celebra-

tions closer to the office.

Piers Morgan is taking his Daily Mirror hacks no further than Café Rouge at Canary Wharf. The Daily Mail is off to Jimmies, the wine bar round the corner from its-Kensington workplace. Reporters at The Sunday Telegraph have been mouning that theirs is the most miserable lot. They are destined for a pub in Rotherhithe for a lunchtime celebration. This is not only inescapable (it is being held on a work day), but appears to be taking on a 1970s theme with a menu of prawn cocktail, turkey and Black Forest gateau.

But the most cost-conscious event looks likely to be tonight's drinks party thrown by Richard Addis, Editor of The Express, for his minions. This will feature a yuletide address by Stephen Grabiner. the executive director, and will take place in the staff canteen. The Times own Christmas party was held last weekend at

Superhusband JONATHAN ROSS, dashing host of Saturday's British Comedy Awards, should have been collecting a prize himself by all accounts - for being

Ever the consummate professional, Wossy managed to hise from millions of viewers that for the past week he had been looking after Jane, his pregnant wife, and their two children single-handed and getting by on just three hours'

. Hardened harks were almost moved to tears by the Ross family's plight since his Jane, 26, tried to put up some disc in her back. Tests showed the baby was well but Jane, a novelist, is temporarily incapacitated. She turned up to the awards in a wheelchair and was tended to by the stressed but devoted Jonathan.

"Jane is pregnant and she got the old nesting instinct," Ross says. "While she was fixing together a cabinet she did her back in. She is in a lot



Ross: New Man of 1996

of pain. I've hardly had a ite's sleep all week."

IT MAY be a tough job being Director-General of the BBC, but it is clearly not one to keep you awake at night fretting about licence fees or TV's Christmas schedules. At a drinks party the other day, John Birt was bemoaning the lack of quality time he gets to spend with his books. "I don't have any time for

leisure reading," he said.
"The only time I manage to
get stuck into a good book is
when I'm on holiday and then I concentrate on rereading the classics.



Birt: too tired to read

"It was Anna Karenina last time. I don't even manage any decent bedtime reading. I get into bed and after a couple of minutes flicking through a magazine or some thing I fall asleep."

Radio return

MORE often than not these days, radio journalists seem to be straining at the leash to escape into television. Heartening then that one of the BBC's most senior executives is making a-switch the other way. The new Editor of the Today programme, taking over from Roger Mosey who is off to run Radio 5 Live, is Jon 6 Barton. The Derby-born Barton, 46, has a proven track record in radio but has also worked on Newsnight and Breakfast Time and has most recently been Editor of the 1 o'clock and 6 o'clock News. He arrives at a tough time

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with a general election approaching and is understood not to be relishing the often furious arguments with politicians that are part of the job. Despite this, he says: "Today has never been afraid to ask the really difficult questions and pursue them rigorously. The coming election will test these qualities to the full."

Great theme pubs THE marketing men at Whitbread have hit on a whiteread have fift of a brilliant idea to promote the image of dear Old Blighty. Under a project titled "English Pubs Abroad", dozens of Dog and Ducks, King's Heads and Red Lions — flowing with

Boddingtons and Flowers Ales will be popping up all over Europe and America. The idea is to produce traditional English-style taverns on the lines of the successful Irish theme pubs in the UK. "The opportunity and potential for English pubs is huge," a Whitbread spokesman, says. Presumably we can now expect to see a huge export in stale cheese sandwiches and warm beer.

Playing a short game

suggest that the average company marketing director lasts less time in his

or her job than a football manager.
The study, by the research specialists
DMS, also corroborates the theory that when a marketing director moves on, so does advertising business. When 383 marketing directors switched companies between January 1995 and June 1996, 320 companies' advertising accounts were also reviewed.

All this flies in the face of industry wisdom, which suggests that good advertising springs from lengthy relationships between client and agency. The study also indicates that agencies time and effort spent researching a brand and thoroughly understanding a clients' business are becoming increasingly devalued. "Is it any wonder the agency world is

reluctant to invest heavily in running

an account when that same account is likely to walk after only a few months?"

asked one disgruntled adman. BT has lined up a series of former EastEnders actors to star in one of the first new ads to be broadcast after the departure of frontman Bob Hoskins next month. The one-off commercial will show Leslie Grantham, Tom

Watt. Letifia Dean and Susan Tullyalias Dirty Den, Lofty, Sharon and Michelle — keeping in touch by phone now that they no longer meet in the Queen Vic. Sources claim the ad may be

followed by similar ones featuring Hilda Ogden from Coronation Street, or Sheila Grant from Brookside. Sholto Douglas-Home, head of ad-

leations division, says: "We're very excited about the EastEnders ad, and we hope it proves to be very

A TOPTEN agency recently had to lay off 18 staff - about 5 per cent of its workforce - to "prepare liself for 1997". The news provided grim food for thought across adland, which has been spared any significant staff cutbacks since the recession. --

Unhappily, however, there are now mutterings that other agencies are also preparing the way for their own rafts of redundancies. The business is static. There is not a huge return of confidence in advertising and we are not anticipating any enormous upturn for next year." said one observer.

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Paul Nathanson meets Sue Farr, the tough new head of marketing at the BBC

'She's just like a diamond, sparkling but hard'

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ue Farr is about as close to the image of a BBC man-darin as Alf Garnett is to a City slicker. Farr, the corporation's newly appointed marketing supremo responsible for television and radio, would make Lord Reith's eyebrows bristle. A Jimmy Naîl and Chris Evans fan. who reads Jilly Cooper and wears tight, bright skirts with black tights, she is more Annabel's than Broadcasting House, and in the age of digital television and DAB radio, she confesses to being useless with gadgets and cannot tune ber radio.

Don't be deceived by appearances. Farr is about to give the BBC a good kick in the marketing rump to ward off the ever fiercer competition.

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"When the barbarians are at the gate, people huddle together for warmth," she says. The BBC now realises that the enemy is without and that they've got to take on major players in the market who are very professional."

She is too canny to spell it out, but one senses that Fair thinks the corporation has undersold television and that marketing

is only now being embraced.
"I am now confident that marketing is a discipline coming up the agenda in the BBC and everyone is taking it increasingly seriously. My aim is to find out what drives the public's listening and viewing habits and understand the role our television channels and radio networks play in people's lives."

Focus is her forte and w arrived as BBC Radio's first head of world where people are abrasive, marketing and publicits. 31 sears advance and appressive. She wasn't ago she shook up the shambles of "She's extremely user-friendly each national network using differ- and nice, which is rare in advertisent advertising agencies and sometimes, according to a source in her department, sending out contradic-

So as the new head of marketing, what will she do about the BBC's dismal image in the media? Witness the extraordinary exodus in the past two years of leading creative executives like Charles Denton, head of drama, who dubbed the BBC as being run by Moonies, only without the

Also jumping ship were Nick Elliott, head of drama series, David Liddinent, the light entertainment chief, and Liz Forgan, the head of

burgh Television Festival, farcical were bandied of Alan Yentob, former Controller of BBCl, walking into a meeting with a glass of brandy and walking out again not to return for the rest of the day, while Michael Jackson, the head of BBC2, conducted meetings without his shoes on.

Farr neatly sidesteps the problem without denying it. That's not my remit," she says. "That's for the corporate centre. What I want to do is make the BBC a very potent force with its huge combination of talent and energy. And it.

How she plans to do into her job she will not say, but her track record suggests she will

She has relaunched Radios I and 5 and she was behind the high-profile Proms in the Pack this summer, when more than 30,000 people went to Hyde Park on the Last Night of the

According to colleagues, her weapons to disarm cynics and intellectual chauvinists who may not like the unholy whiff of the former advertising executive about her, will be charm and astuteness. Robin Wight, her former boss at the advertising agency Wight Col-

ing. But she's also very shrewd and worked at the BBC myself and Sue will have to deal with and win over a lot of rival baronies.

"She'll have to convince them that the whole is more important than the individual parts. But she can handle complex arguments and people so if anyone can do it.

Chris McLaughlin, a former colleague of Farr when he was director of corporate affairs at BBC



Enterprises, adds: "Sue's strength was being able to decide which of the countless meetings were useful and she simply did not turn up at the others. She's like the diamond on her finger: sparkling but hard."
Jonathan Shier, the former deputy chief executive and her boss at Thames Television, which she oined after stints with Northern Foods, Dorlands, CDP and WCRS, recalls: "In the advertising world

Sue was known as the best meeter

and greeter in the business. She has the style and presence which will be vital in an organisation where a whole series of fieldoms will require merging to reach a common goal. She'll need to dig her heels in and her Yorkshireness will be a great asset."

Farr, who is married to a chartered surveyor, has no children and describes her only hobby as horseriding. She was born and raised in Sheffield and claims her

roots have made her stubborn, down-to-earth and proud. The daughter of a dentist, she went from Sheffield High School for Girls to Reading University where she got a 2.1 in English and politics.

Marketing seduced her with its energy and creativity and she later learnt from her mentor Robin Wight that given passion and conviction, anything is possible.

To defeat the barbarians at the gates and the barons within she will need every ounce of both.

First Raspberry Ripple given to Disney film

A new award judges media portrayal of the disabled, Jason Nissé reports

The final scene of Disney's version of The Hunchback of Notre Dame has brought tears to the eyes of millions of children. Not surprisingly, Hollywood was unimpressed with Victor Hugo's ending, where Esmerelda kills herself. Instead we see her falling in love with a handsome hero while Quasimodo walks into the sunset hand-in-hand with a

It is not a scene that pleases the One-In-Eight Group, which lobbies for a better representation of disabled people in the media. So last night, at an award ceremony at Channel 4's London offices, the Disney film received the first ever Raspberry Ripple - given for the worst portrayal of disabled people

in a feature film.

This is a film which will affect

children a great deal, says Rich-ard Reiser, the driving force be-One-in-Eight. contains disturbing scenes, including one where Quasimodo is crowned Prince of Fools, and a changed ending, which reof a disabled per-

Quasimodo in the film

son being a per-petual child." Hunchback beat off stiff compe-tition from the Hollywood blockbusters Forrest Gump and Scent of a Woman as well as Sir Ian McKellen's Richard III for worst film. It is one of six categories of Ripple, along with best film (Four Weddings and A Funeral for the portayal of Hugh Grant's deaf brother), best and worst television drama and best and worst nonfiction programmes.

The shortlist and the winners

came not only from members of the One-in-Eight group but also readers of the listing magazine Time Out, and the specialist publication Disability Arts in London. The best Ripples were hardly controversial. Despite strong competition from Grange Hill, the BBC series Our Friends in the North, a four-part series of A Touch of Frost and the Brookside episodes involving the heart search when the Farnhams' unborn baby was found to have Down's syndrome, the winner was the BBC2

drama Skallagrig. It was praised for using disabled actors in all but one of the central roles. Reiser is incensed when able actors play disabled people, as Tom Hanks did in Gump or Al Pacino in Scent of a Woman.

"These actors see it as a tour de force and use it as a theatrical device," he argues. "You would not see black characters used in the same way. These days the idea of Sir Laurence Olivier blacking up to play Othello is just not on.'

Similarly few could argue with the documentary shortlist. The winner of the best non-fiction was another BBC2 series, Old School Ties, which showed the problems disabled people have in education. The series beat, among others, the BBC's coverage of the Paralym-pics, which treated it as a regular event at the end of the Olympics.

However, the Ripple for worst non-fiction could not be more controversial. It went to the 1995 edition of Children in Need on BBCL Voters found its use of disabled children patronising, making them a target for pity. One member of the group said she did not want her disabled daughter to be considered a "child in need". Other candidates were Jeremy Paxman's You Decide, which failed to invite any disabled people

into its debate on eugenics, and The Wilcox, ered extremely patronising.

The worst television drama stood out as Taggart. The as Taggart's wife, but when he died this character disappeared. The recent series. Dead

Man's Gold, had four episodes where the baddies included a blind man, a man with one arm and a mad woman. This perpetuated the myth that disabled people are evil," says Reiser.

Another show that has had positive disabled characters in the past but was singled out was Casualty. The episode nominated, shown in September 1995, had a man with learning diffculties killing an innocent victim.

ther candidates - Coronation Street and East-Enders - were chosen because they did not have any disabled characters. When it was pointed out to the producers of EastEnders that 14 per cent of people in Tower Hamlets and Hackney have disabilities, the turn it into a freak show".

One-in-Eight plans to make the awards an annual event, and to widen them by setting up a monitoring panel, which will catch television and film patronising. ridiculing or merely ignoring disabled people in the community. The awards are supported by a host of celebrities. Last night Gary Kemp, Lindsay Duncan, Richard Wilson, Corin Redgrave and Brookside star Gabrielle Glaister made an appearance.

One-in-Eight can be contacted at 78 Mildmay Grove, London N1 4PR, sel:

A split verdict on the Mirror

icking Piers Morgan, the 31-year-old Editor of the Daily Mirror - whose proud motto was once publish and be damned — is becoming such a Fleet Street sport that a few rival editors say privately that the vicious attacks on him are becoming unfair.

Only a few months ago.

Morgan was damned after
publishing the notorious
"Achtung! Surrender" front page before England's Euro 96 match with Germany. Now he is being dammed for not publishing a story and surrendering one of the greatest scoops of the century — the full details of the 1996 Budget - to Downing Street

The classic definition of the journalist's creed was written by John Thaddeus Delane, the Editor of The Times, in 1852. The first duty of the press," he said, "is to obtain the earliest intelligence of the events of the time, and, instantly, by disclosing them, to make them the common property of the

On Delane's test, Morgan stands convicted of failing in the first duty of journalism, a still more serious conviction

IMAGINE a feature film in

which the actors, scriptwrit-

ers, producers and technicians

all worked for free and that, if

the movie became a box-office

success, the profits did not go

to the film mogula but to

charity. Yet, unlikely as it may

seem in the days of multi-

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this very project has just been

Recichair, an organisation

set up by a freelance journal-

ist, a US scriptwriter and an

advertising agency, aims to make a feature film whose proceeds will be donated to

launched in Britain.

given that The Sun, his fiercest rival, obtained details from the documents after the Downing Street

Yet the verdict of guilty was certainly not unanimous among current or former Floor Street

.editors. Most wou-ld have published, including the Editors of The Times, The Guardian

and The In-Times and The Observer, but only after establishing that the documents were authentic and had been obtained by

legitimate means. At The Times, the Editor, Peter Stothard, whose first major scoop was a leak of the 1981 Budget, says he would have written the story himself if necessary. But he would not have paid for the documents, alerted the Government, or returned them.

man actor Christopher

Reeve's speech at this year's

Academy Awards, where he

called for the film industry to

put social issues before box office profits. It aims to make

surrender and published

main question for Lord Rees-Mogg was whether the documents revealed impropriety or deception by the Government — and whether be was

publishing the details for the benefit of his readers or only **PAPER ROUND**

Brian MacArthur to outdo his competitors.

Mike Molloy, a former Editor of the Mirror, saw -anarchy at work — newspapers were not in the business of bringing down govern-ments unless scandal or wickedness was involved. For Sir Nicholas Lloyd, who edited the Daily Express until last year, the main issue was that the documents had not been obtained by journalistic skill but stolen. Sim-

who edited The Times from 1967 to 1981, did not. The would have been horren-Yesterday Mr Morgan was still defending his deci-

sion passionately and accus-ing his critics — one of whom was offered the story and rejected it - of being wise after the event. "Can you

tell me that any editor published this story not knowing where it had come from and who it was

from?" he asked. Given that the leak could not be authenticated (the criterion insisted upon by all the other editors) and that he feared a hoax, he had acted responsibly. So why the condemnation?

Yet it is on precisely that point of authentication that Stewart Steven, who edited both The Mail on Sunday and the Evening Standard. seized in his condemnation of Mr Morgan.

If the only way Piers Morgan knew of authenticating a document was by checking with the press of-

showed the folly of appoint-ing 31-year-old showbusiness journalists as editors of national newspapers, he said, adding that Mr Morgan had fluffed a superb opportunity.

Around Fleet Street, many

ournalists believe that Mr Morgan was constrained by the three former Fleet Street editors who head the Mirror Group's management and who are anxious not to upset shareholders - David Montof the World and Today. Charles Wilson, once Editor of The Times, and Kelvin MacKenzie, the legendary former Editor of The Sun.

The rumour is strongly denied by Mr Morgan. He consulted Mr Montgomery and Mr Wilson but says the decision against publication was his alone.

Yet it is not only former Mirrormen who are asking whether the decision was a signal of a group that has lost its self-confidence, which is directed by managers and editors who are not instinctive gut supporters of the Labour Party, and which is still steadily failing behind

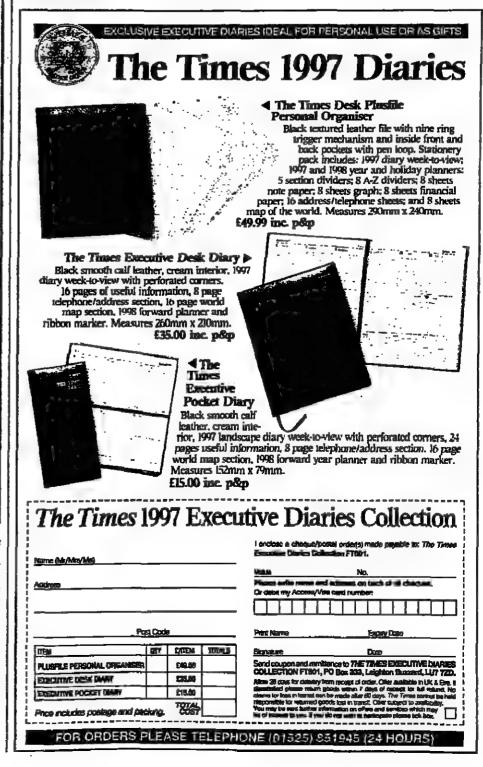
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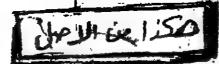
aLondon journalist Sunjay Kakar, 29, who asked Carole Panick, an NBC writer, to produce a treatment. The official Reelchair logo was created by the advertising agency "We want to make people more aware of disability in general and thought that if we could make a really entertaining film about wheelchair users we could show it doesn't necessarily have to be a boring subject," said Mr Kakar, who is now busy recruiting

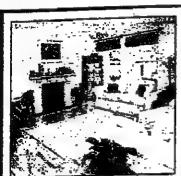
"The idea is that everyone will work for free. It will be an innovative way to discover bright new talents."

The film, Rebel Yell, tells the story of a group of friends who form a band and sneak off to the city to make their fortune. When they get an audition they are advised to "lose" the bass player who is in a wheelchair. The decision creates dissension in the band and drives a wedge between them. The script is expected to be finished by March.

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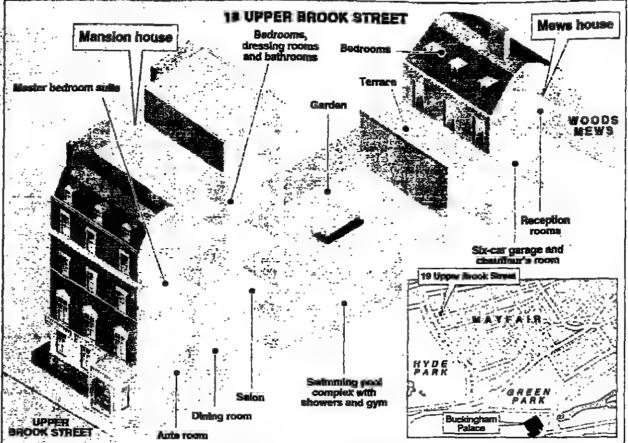
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Rachel Kelly on the growing appeal of joint properties at the top end of the London market





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Every mansion needs its mews

but now it is among the ultimate metropolitan status symbols: to own not only a mansion but its adjoining mews house, too.

Houses once separated from their mews are now being sold jointly. The market has changed, the grander agents say. Once there was more value in selling the properties sepa-

rately. Now the desire for security and privacy has become paramount among the very rich looking for what has been dubbed 'unreal estate", and has led to a premium for

double sales.

Avril Butt, from De Groot Collis, is among the Mayfair agents with her finger on the pulse of the top end of the market. For big houses to achieve premium prices now, they need their mews with

need their mews with obviously looks back to them. The mews gives room for the main house and adds that extra garaging and staff or guests, and it makes the house more secure. Security is becoming a bigger and bigger

the royal stables in London, so called confined. They were designed to ture: often small, dark and plain, they contrasted with the luxury they backed on to. They housed servants above and horses below.

By the turn of the century, many had become run-down and seedy. The arrival of the car hastened their demise and many became lock-ups or business premises. But they revived in the Sixties when they became the fashionable haunts of ce-

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lebrities and bachelors. Now there are only rare mews left in London that are still stables: 34 Bathurst Mews services the needs of the Hyde Park Riding School

After the war, developers tended to sell the two properties separately, making London town houses vulnerable to burglaries from their unprotected flanks. "A mews

security and privacy, being part of the same property," Ms Butt says. "One cannot be precise about how much value is added to a house by a without its mews is less saleable and because they were built where the undoubtedly less valuable. There are king's hawks were once mewed or very few still with their original main Philip Green, an agent from Coldschmidt & Howland, is convinced that the full package is better value. "We value the house and the mews separately and we usually

reckon that one and one make three." A crop of houses with their adjoining mews have come up for sale to meet demand, many in Belgravia and Mayfair, where Westminster council is keen to establish more residential use as temporary office permissions expire.

No 23 Cavendish Close is on sale through Goldschmidt & Howland for £2.4 million, Chesterfield is selling 21 and 26 Culross Street with a joint garage for £2.25 million and John D ood is selling 21 St Petersburg Place in Bayswater for £1.5 million, which has a small adjoining house in Chapel Side.

The early 18th-century townhouses at 19, 20 and 23 Upper Brook Street are typical, Built for Georgian yuppies in 1725, they have been used as offices since the Second World War. Now they have been converted back into houses with their four adjacent mews houses by the developers, Scotdean.

Three windows wide, and four listed, and is on the market for £8.75 million for a 101-year lease. In its time it has been home to the 3rd Viscount Doneraile (between 1742 and 1744), Sir Charles Hotham 6th Bt (a groom to the bedchamber); and the Brazilian Embassy between 1921 and 1940. As well as its seven bedrooms, air-

conditioning, which is everywhere apart from the staff quarters, and sumptuous Empire-style interiors with a marble-paved entrance hall, the buyer will enjoy its four-bedroom mews house in Woods Mews with its

parking for six cars — which might separately cost about £2.5 million. The mews faces the main house across a terraced garden. This conceals an underground swimming pool and a recently exrumed wine cellar. Ms Butt is selling the

house for De Groot. "Woods Mews has been reconditioned and the streets outside recobbled and old street lamps put up. The house itself is ambassadorial with a 54ft reception room and 14ft ceilings."

There are other advantages, Mr Green says. "Many families have full-time staff and they want to have teenage children sometimes want to create a games room or a separate

complex. Then, of course, people have a useful source of extra income should they rent them out."

Of course there will remain a market for the single mews house which provides a certain child-free sophistication for a lifestyle, in the words of one agent, "more Emma Peel and Porsche".

Mews have a raffish reputation ever since Peter Rachman bought a house in Bryanston Mews

as a birthday present for Mandy Rice-Davies. The plethora of the 1960s and 'A main 1970s decor, which still remains in many a mews, shows that their heyday without was at the height of Swinging London. Today its mews the bachelor in search of the perfect pad is attracted by the garaging in partic-ular. Tough parking re-strictions have driven up mews prices, "When we saleable'

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value a mews house, ga-rage space is as expensive as the living area," says Antoine Lurot, of the London Mews Company, who estimates there are about 10,000 mews houses in London. We have

Wardour Castle, two centuries on

Rachel Kelly on the development of a Grade I Palladian mansion

ouncillors have given the go-ahead for Wardour Castle, the Grade I Palladian mansion in Wiltshire, to be restored with the belp of unrealised designs by the original 18th-century architect, Richard Woods.

Salisbury District Council has approved the final phase in restoration which includes the construction of four houses in a walled garden mimicking the old pineapple houses or pineries.

For the past four years developers have been working on restoring what is one of Britain's greatest 18th-century houses into nine flats, two of which have been sold and six let at about £20,000 a year. Nigel Tuersley, the developer, spent two years with English Heritage to determine the exact design of the pineries as a basis for their authentic restoration.

Salisbury planners also ap-proved the building of nine houses and two flats in a courtyard based on Woods's 1776 proposals for a stable block to the west of the house; and an indoor swimming pool built within Woods's

proposed orangery.
"Of course the plans have had to be adapted." Mr Tuersley says. When Woods suggested improvements, the park covered 700 acres. Mr Tuersley has just 53 acres of parkland.

The plans have met some local opposition. At the councli meeting, members heard that there had been a petition and 62 letters of objection to the plans, and 28 of support The plans were scaled down from Mr Tuersley's original scheme excluding a dower house, garages and mews houses, which were seen as the most controversial aspects. Councillors argued that the new homes would gener ate enough money to com-plete the restoration of the walled garden, Wardour Castie itself, and the camellis

The plans may yet be called in by John Gummer, the Secretary of State for the Environment Robert Key, the MP for Salisbury, said he would ask the Government to decide the matter by public inquiry. Mr Key says: "The Secretary of State is now in a position to decide whether to call in the application. It is my view that the buildings are of such significant national importance that they should be considered at national level."

The house is a textbook Georgian mansion. It was built between 1770 and 1776. According to the Pevsner ar-chitectural guide, it has the most glorious Georgian interior in Wiltshire, which includes a circular staircase.

There is a huge chapel in the west wing, and in the east wing is a kitchen so large that the ladies of the Arundel family, who once owned the house, are said to have had their first riding lessons around the kitchen table.



Wardour Castle, Wiltshire: a glorious Georgian interior

Homes of the style leaders

Amanda Loose examines how

two interior design advisers

decorate their own houses

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Te slavishly try to imitate the flawless interiors featured in he glossy magazines they edit. decorate their own homes?

lise Crawford is the editor of Elle Decoration and lives with her dog William in Bloomsbury in London. She says that the flat's colour scheme is dictated by her marmaladecoloured pooch, snoozing in the spare bedroom.

its all a matter of constantly editing yourself, Ms Crawford says. Stick to the essenrials. Select objects most care bout, and make hem the centre of our colour and deign scheme. Add a simple colour cheme to hold all disparate shades and styles together, and bin-

Ms Crawford's home is not ust a haven for sleeping dogs. it is also an extension of her office. More and more of us are now working at least

partly from home, she says. Work is now changing, and so are homes. I like to spend time at home in the mornings. thinking time. My sitting room/office is so light and lovely, that work doesn't seem like work," she says.

Ms Crawford's airy Geor gian flat has tables from Bali. a Zulu footstool and silver which blend with the Georian and contemporary English pieces. Clean whites dominate the decor and furnishings, while the pictures of sculptures pick up the warm brown shades of the wooden floor and scatter cushions. "Using different textures is important," says Ms Craw-

ford. They make a 'A home is Interiors should also have a sense of humour as well as luxury. She is corrently for blanket from Scandinavia for Elle Decoration. We are now more relaxed about decorating, Ms

Crawford says. "In the 1980s we were anxious about getting every-thing just right, but we are no longer slaves to co-ordination. and feel relaxed enough to mix something unusual in if we

Her home might be minimal, but the clean lines of Georgian panelling and large sash windows contribute to the sense of spaciousness. "Its not a contradiction. Georgian architecture is really very



Julia Watson's colour scheme was inspired by old prints



plain colours," Ms Crawford adds. "There is a myth that you should decorate in one style, but by following your instincts and using neutral colours, which are very forgiv ing, you can mix traditional and contemporary styles and contemporary styles, which look great together.

work have no time to keep up traditional high-maintenance Ms Crawford feels her apreach to interiors is a bit like

that of a fashion editor to

clothes. "Just as they tend to wear black, I am very aware of the nging shifts in taste, but I am also conscious that I have got to find things which have meaning for me as well as being up to

date," she says. "A home is about longer-term values and is a very perzonal place." Julia Watson is

editor of Homes & Gardens and agrees. She has based the colour scheme the sitting room of her home in Clapham, south London, on three Chinese prints which were her father's. The sense of spaciousness of the room beies its smallness and the many treasures displayed.

"I am just like one of the readers of Homes & Gardens," Ms Watson says. "I feel that I don't have a talent for decorating and need to learn. One of my favourité features is our decorating from scratch section, with a step-by-step guide and before and after

shots," she says. But her home has the quiet and timeless interior which Ms Watson believes her readers are aim-

From the beige checked arm chair, she points out the wooden chair in the corner; above, is a picture of her grandfather sitting in the same chair. Her sitting room is held together by the beige, cream and blues the Chinese prints.
"One of the things I have

learnt from the stylists at Homes & Gardens is how essential it is to create interest-

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luxury' found a Nina Campbell blind which reflected the blues and beiges. Your home is very much part of your personality, so it is no good being in a show room where you feel uncomfortable."

the prints and then

"Schemes are better when you don't stick rigidly to one palette: when you mess them up a little it brings the room alive," Ms Watson says. She concludes by saying

"It's like my mother used to say when she went out for the evening, Just before you leave the house, pause in front of the mirror and take just one ornament off. You will have the perfect balance.

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Nontinuing our Twelve Days of Christmas competition, The Times brings you not ten pipers piping, but ten stylish Philips digital cordless telephones, worth £230 each.

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Eurostar to start running today

Passenger trains through the Channel Tunnel will restart today, 15 days after fire forced Eurotunnel to suspend all services.

A close-to-normal Eurostar service between London Waterloo and Paris and Brussels will resume this morning, and Le Shuttle car trains will operate a restricted timetable from Tuesday. But freight services remain suspended, pending

Major not for turning on euro strategy

John Major and Michael Heseltine joined forces to crush the hopes of the Tory Right that the Conservatives could go into the general election on a pledge to keep Britain out of the single currency. The Prime Minister dismayed Euro-sceptics by ruling out a change in the wait-and-see policy............... Page 1

Metro bomb

A powerful bomb tore through an underground train in Paris, killing two people and injuring dozens in a resumption of terrorist violence by Algerian Islamic ... Page 1

Accountants reward

The accountancy firm, Ernst & Young, has disclosed that its 412 partners earn an average of £200,000 each a year. The figures help to peel back the layers of mystique that shroud accountancy partnerships.

Meningitis scare

Worried students besieged doctors to seek advice about meningitis after the death of two more undergraduatesPage 1

Bogus asylum fines

Employers face fines of up to E5,000 for each illegal worker they hire under new laws being introduced to deal with bogus asylum seekersPage 2

Murder mystery

An odd-job man was cleared of murdering Vikki Thompson, who was bludgeoned while walking her dog. An Oxford jury took just 50 minutes to find Mark Weston, 21, not guilty......

Puppet offer

The Duke of Windsor was offered the position of pupper King of Britain when Germany contacted the Duchess in the Second World

Labour NHS promise

Labour promised to top the Government's spending plans for the NHS by cutting bureaucracy by 90 per cent and putting GPs in charge of almost the entire hospital budget ..

Suicide bridge test

The SAS is to be asked to test barriers designed to cut the suicide rate at the Clifton suspension bridge in Bristol...... Page 8

Miners strike

Russia's vast coal-mining industry virtually ground to a halt after hundreds of thousands of miners went on strike demanding back wages and the dismissal of the Government.

Nazi hoard

Nazis secretly sent more than \$1 billion to Argentina in the last month of the Second World War in Europe as they scoured the world for havens for their funds.

Gold diggers

A French explorer has solved a 2,500-year-old mystery surrounding the "gold-digging ants" of the Himalayas. He says that the "ants" described by Herodoms in

the were marmots..... Page 12 Gibraltar governor

Sir Richard Luce, the former Foreign Office minister who resigned after the Falklands invasion, is to

Water found on the Moon

A frozen lake found deep inside a crater on the dark side of the Moon has greatly increased the chances that man may one day be able to live there. Until now the Moon has been thought to be bone dry. But American scientists involved with the Clementine satellite which orbited the Moon in 1994 said it had evidence that there is ice near a lunar south pole.



Two Nudes, by the Russian artist Aleksandr Arkhipenko, was among the 89 pictures taken from a Berlin air-raid shelter in the last days of the Second World War which were put on show in St Petersburg yesterday. Page 12

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Job cuts: Lucas Varity, the recently merged car components group, is to shed 3,000 jobs worldwide over the next two years..... Page 25

Air deal: Boeing and McDonnell Douglas, the American commercial aeroplane manufacturers, have agreed to collaborate in a deal that could in future pose a challenge to the European Airbus consortiumPage 25

Utilities: The Government sold off its remaining shares in the utility companies during a £257 million

Marketis: The FT-SE 100 index rose 24.1 points to close at 40626. Sterling's trade-weighted index fell from 94.5 to 93.7 after a fall from \$1.6850 to \$1.6520 and from

Cricket: England, fielding their in-

tended Test side. struggled to 175 for nine on the opening day of their match against Mashonaland in Harare. Robert Croft was top soorer with 66 not out _____ Page 48

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Termin: Tim Herman beat Michael Stich 6-3, 6-3 in the first round of the Compaq Cup in Munich, his first win on the international circuit in six weeks.Page 45

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testing rhyme-man: Richard Morrison celebrates the centenary of the incomparable lyricist Ira Gershwin and his partnership with brother GeorgePage 33

Sensuous klutz: An interview with the Canadian jazz singer and pianist Diana Krall, hailed as the most promising vocal talent of the

Fun and games: Gryff Rhys Jones warms up the West End in the classic Ben Travers farce Plunder. it may not be Coward or Feydeau, but it proves that there is a place for hearty funPage 34

Beyond the avent-parde; Paul Griffiths finds out what the future holds for the Hungarian composer György Ligeti, on the eve of a South

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Preview: Keith Sinclair's company prospered in the 1980s. Now he faces bankruptcy: Going For Broke (BBC2, 9pm), Roviour, Peter Barnard on golden moments from the car industry Page 47

A Major mistake

By the general election, the British public will deserve an answer from both party leaders to the question of whether they plan to take Britain into a single currency during the subsequent Parliament..... Page 17 Civilian in the convent

A civilian, Sir Richard Luce, will be Gibraltar's next Governor. The break with tradition may be justified in terms of Gibraltar's changed military circumstances. Politically, the choice is more controversial Page 17

Precision charities

Money given to both the Evelina Children's Hospital and Tusk Force will go to charities that des-

SIMON JENKINS

I sometimes wonder if the parliamentary life might not have been for me. When I witness scenes such as Sir Nicholas Scott's ejection I am left with a different question: who on earth could want to be an MP7...Page 16

PHILIP ZIEGLER

People who condemn the Prince of Wales should consider how remarkable it is that he has maintained his grandfather's and his mother's seriousness...... Page 16 PETER RIDDELL

Underlying trends point to a slow, patchy, Tory recovery which has yet to undermine Labour's commanding position____ SIMON BARNES

When in doubt, rely on the familiar: fall back on the tried and tested. And that is the thinking, if it can be so called, behind the strategy, if by such a term it can be dignified. of the England team Page 46

Air Marshal Sir Denis Crowley-Milling, fighter ace: Evelyn Hooker, psychologist; Michael Charn-

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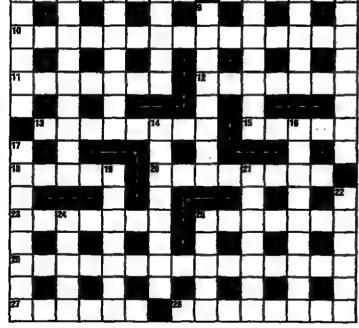
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5 One may be under pre-answer in TV quiz (6). 10 Unwilling to be fed, object to this being grilled (7.8).

11 Foreign author of play lost in translation? (7). 12 Unprofessional air almost over-

13 One in bed in rooms heard endless ringing (5.3).

15 Club's backing left with a set of drums (5). 18 Peaks with ecstasy

ast (5). 20 A list of clues he'd amended (8). 23 Check about platform for artistic movement (7), 25 Worry, no me fluffed exit (7).

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27 On at the moment, new celebrity (6). 28 Stretch a point, and luckless opener's leg before wicket (6).

Decline to begin (4,2). 2 Took in broadcast about part of old Berlin (9).

3 Become annoyed with trouble some blister (7). 4 Short, cylindrically-shaped amout

6 Street in socially acceptable area for newcomer (?). 7 Anthem possibly adopted by un-known East African state (5). 8 Call staff about a route around

town (4,4). Remove some punctuation to demonstrate style (3,1,4).
 European flier's effort to take:

males up (4.4). 16 She takes steps to match a score 17 Cure almost beat rising sickness

(3,2.3). 19 Runner with promise turned up in place of losers (4,3). 21 Row about shortfall of added chemical adhesive (?).

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ing a tree (6). 24 Tuxedo being worn around one town in France (5). 25 Striking bloci seen in urban village (5).

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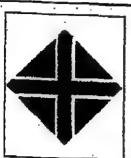
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BUSINESS EDITOR Lindsay Cook

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Lucas Varity shake-up will Shake-up white Speed, director of resear Henderson Crosthwaite, willion savi

ponents group, is to shed 3,000 jobs worldwide over the next two years, in an effort to reduce costs. Businesses employing a further 5,000 people are to be sold.

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The wide-ranging restruc-turing, which follows the merger of Britain's Lucas Industries and America's Varity Corporation this year, will give rise to total exceptional charges of £250 million, it was announced yesterday.

The company was unable to say bow many of the job cuts were likely to fall in the UK, but a spokesman said that "a guide figure would be around 1,500 jobs, reflecting the fact that approximately half LucasVarity's workforce is in the UK". British unions took a broadly supportive view of LucasVarity's proposals.

John Allen, executive council member of the Amalgamated Engineering and Electrical Union, accepted the necessity of the cuts and efficiencies package: "It will ensure that our members have a positive future. The bulk of the jobs will go through natoral wastage, but we expect to be involved in full discussions on the likely impact on our mem-

bers," he said. The restructuring is expected to boost LucasVarity's operating profits by £120 million. and will roughly double the time of the Lucas-Varity merger in September.

An exceptional charge of El20 million will be made to cover the cost of implementing the savings measures. Lucasexceptional, mainly non-cash, charge of £130 million, com-prised principally of asset write-downs.

The total charge of £250 million will be recorded in the accounting period ending Jan-uary 31, 1997.

In addition, the company has identified 13 candidates for disposal from among the smaller companies within the merged group. The

combined annual turnover of the businesses concerned is some £270 million, approximately 6 per cent of group turnover. The companies to be sold account for around 5,000 employees out of a company total of 56,000. LucasVarity hopes that the 3,000 additional jobs to be shed will disappear mainly through retirement

The restructuring was welconned by the City. Robert



Rice: planned divestment

Henderson Crosthwaite, said: That £120 million saving on jobs is a pretty chunky number given the amount of jobs involved. It seems most likely that many of the cuts will come in continental Europe. probably in the brakes

John Buckland, an engineering analyst at Daiwa Institute of Research, said: "The company has said there's potential for further cost-cutting after 1999 ... the merger seems to be working."

Victor Rice, chief executive of LucasVarity, said the 13 businesses to be divested were "in general... profitable con-cerns", with many being "leaders in their sectors". Only eight of the 13 sale candidates have been named; the rest are expected to be disclosed "when legal and contractual arrangements permit".

Among the identified candidates for sale are Lucas Heavy Products (UK), a starters and alternators manufacturer; Lucas Industrial Components (UK), a precision components manufacturer: Lucas Assembly & Test Systems, an Anglo-American fuel, engine and transmission system concern: and Lucas Nitrotec, an Anglo-French specialist metal surface treatment company. Companies in South Africa, Greece and Argentina are also

LucasVarity shares fell 1620, to 2340. Although analysts gave a broadly favourable response to the restructuring, some doubts were expressed about the immediate trading prospects.



Peter Kindersley warned the markets about the implications of a strong pound on profits at Dorling Kindersley

Sterling beats a hasty retreat

By Janet Bush and Clare Stewart

nism in September 1992, but then plunged dramatically as Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, acknowledged for the first-time that British indostry is beginning to warry about

sterling's strength. In overnight markets, the pound had surged four plen-nigs against the mark to DM2.6370 in New York. But once trading began in London, sterling retreated again with stunning speed. By the close, it dropped back to DM2.5750, a vertical fall of six pfennigs.

So spectacular was the reversal that rumours swept the currency markets that the Bank of England had been

THE pound soared to its best selling the pound. Traders, levels since it left the European exchange-rate mechanisms as the pound jumped by 10 per cent in about a month, were cashing in, encouraged as the day wore on by comments

from British officials. In late afternoon, the pound furched down when Mr Clarke told Parliament that large numbers of British industries are beginning to get worried that we might get too

Shares in Dorling Kindersley, the publishing group, slumped 81p to 437'2p, wiping almost 16 per cent off the group's value, after a warning about the impact of sterling's strength against the dollar. Peter Kindersley, chairman and chief executive, said that,

if the pound were to stay at about \$1.69 until the financial year-end in June, turnover and pre-tax profit would be reduced by about £5 million and El.6 million respectively.

Analysts have out their profit forecasts from £22 million for the year to the end of June to about £18 million. Last year Dorling Kindersley made pretax profits of £17.4 million.

Earlier Alan Budd, chief economic adviser to the Treasury, told the Treasury Select mittee that sterling's recent raily would have a downward effect on retail prices, and that there was still some spare capacity in the economy which was putting downward pressure on inflation. His remarks suggest that the Treasury is not

inclined to raise base rates at next week's monetary meeting. Expectations of another imminent rate rise has been one reason behind the pound's George, Governor of the Bank of England, said he was not surprised by the pound's pre-

cipitous drop yesterday.

The pound also dropped against the dollar, closing at about \$1.6450 compared with Monday's finish at \$1.6830. The currency jumped to its highest level for nearly two years against continental European currencies as officials in the US and Germany said the euro may prompt a shift into dollars from marks.

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STOCK MARKET INDICES LONDON MONEY \$\$\$ DOLLAR NORTH SEA OIL

GOLD London close \$367.85 (\$371.06

Brent 15-day (Feb) \$22.90 (\$23.05)

tion for the Army E2 billion Bowman battlefield was effectively eliminated when consortiums led by Racal and ITT Defence of America, the only two bidders, agreed to join forces.

Over and out

Splashing out

Wessex Water is planning to bounce back from disappointment over the blocked bid for South West Water by spending its £75 million cash pile. Page 30

Treasury in £257m utilities clearout

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY INDUSTRIAL CDIZRESPONDENT

THE Government yesterday sold its remaining in a £257 million auction. The Government has now raised £1.25 billion from holdings in privatised busmesses since last autumn. The sales, including British Energy shares, were timed to catch the market on a high.

Organised by NM Roth-schild, the sale marks a change of fortune for the Government in its dealings in British Energy, the nuclear generator. After a disappointing flotation in summer, British Energy shares plunged below the offer price. The Government later disclosed that it had retained 12 per cent because of a failure to find buyers for shares kept back in a price stabilisation exercise. At that time, the shares languished at 10134p - below the 105p at flotation. Yesterday, 81 million British Energy shares wert placed at 14712ps the Government kept five million shares, 0.5 per cent of the com-pany, to fund bonuses

under the public offer. The sale of the Treasury's utilities holdings, except for some BT shares and a substantial stake in Mersey Docks and Harbour Company, was timed to avoid price sensitive times. The sale included 6.6 million National Grid shares and 18.7 million ScottishPower.

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McDonnell Douglas link-up with Boeing threatens Airbus

FROM RICHARD THOMSON IN NEW YORK

BOEING and McDonnell Douglas, the American commercial sircraft manufacturers, have agreed to collaborate on Boeing jet programmes in a deal that could pose a serious challenge to Airbus Industrie. Boeing's European rival.

The companies said that the first project that McDonnell Douglas would join is the development of two new ver-sions of the 747 jumbo jet, but the co-operation between the two companies is likely to broaden, heralding the creation of a new and hugely powerful force in aircraft manufacturing. Boeing is the world's largest commercial aircraft manufacturer, while McDonnell Douglas is ranked

third, behind Airbus. The co-operation agreement. most affects Airbus, the second largest manufacturer in the world, which is in intense

competition with Boeing for which British Aerospace is a significant shareholder, will now have to fight the com-bined resources of two giants, which is likely to cause disqui-

et in Europe. The agreement between Boeing and McDonnell Douglas appears to be a compromise arrangement after the collapse of merger talks late last year amid concerns that a full combination of the two companies would run into antitrust problems.

The co-operation deal is badly needed by McDonnell Douglas which has suffered several blows to its business in the past few weeks. It lost the race to build the new Joint Strike Fighter aircraft for the US and Britain, while Boeing won the right to bid for the project. It also recently an-

ing plans to build a new commercial jet because it could not afford the massive development costs.

Boeing, meanwhile, has had a bumper year, with a surge in orders to 618 new aircraft worth \$46 billion - the highest level since the company started building commercial aircraft in 1955. To cope with demand, Boeing has taken on 17,500

workers since last January but

is still having trouble meeting

demand. Using some of Me-Donnell Douglas's spare manufacturing capacity is one solution to Boeing's problems. Ron Woodard, president of Boeing's commercial aircraft division, said: "We have a record number of orders for commercial jets and several ongoing development programmes." He added: "Mo-

Donnell Douglas has excellent design and production capab-ility, both in people and facilities, that are not being fully

The two companies have collaborated on other projects, and Boeing said that initially the agreement is expected to take several hundred McDon-nell Douglas employees 10 Seattle in January to begin sign and analysis on the new jumbo. The agreement should be finalised in January.

The companies were partly forced into a closer working arrangement because of the continuing consolidation in the US aerospace industry. Lockheed Martin is buying Loral, another defence manufacturer, for \$9.1 billion, while Northrop Grumman is buying Westinghouse's defence electronics arm for \$3 billion.

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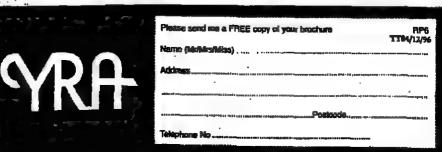


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Two Dogs unleashes surprise buyer

FROM RACHEL BRIDGE IN SYDNEY AND ALASDAIR MURRAY

TWO DOGS, the Australian alcopops company, unexpectedly sold out yesterday to Pernod Ricard, the French drinks group, for a sum believed to be around A\$20 million (£9.7m).

The sale of Two Dogs will make Duncan MacGillivray. founder and managing director, a multimillionaire. He created the drink three years ago when he decided to brew up his neighbour orchard of unsaleable lemons to see what would happen. The success of Two Dogs sparked a raft of rival alcoholic lemonades.

The name was dreamt up in

Two Dogs: pioneer alcopop

a drimken moment the night:

before the first keg was due to

go on sale. A journalist friend

suggested calling it after the

obscene joke about the Red

children. The drink is now sold in 44 countries and last year clocked up worldwide sales of around

Indian tradition of naming

A\$60 million. The sale to Pernod Ricard means that Mr MacGillivray, who still owns 70 per cent of Two Dogs, has turned his initial A\$500,000 investment

into A\$14 million. The move comes days after the British Government increased the tax on alcoholic sodas by 40 per cent, and just weeks after Two Dogs signed 15-year agreement with Bulmers to make and distrib-

ute the product in Australia and New Zealand. In the UK, Two Dogs is distributed by Merrydown,

licensing agreement to be affected by the takeover. Mr MacGillivray will stay as managing director and will

the cider company, which said

that it did not expect its

also take up a position on the Pernod Ricard board. He said: Pernod Ricard will give Two Dogs vast international experience and worldwide distribution capacity, plus the financial muscle that will enable the brand to realise its full

Pernod Ricard owns one of Australia's biggest wine-makers, Orlando Wyndham, whose Jacob's Creek wine is the top-selling Australian wine in the UK.

Wellman meets its forecasts

Profits at Wellman, the Midlands engineering company, were little changed at £4.1 million (£4.09 million) in the six months to September 30, in line with the forecasts made with a profits warning last month.

Turnover rose 13.6 per cent to £64.5 million and there was an exceptional profit of EL8 million. The interim dividend is unchanged at 0.45p a share.

PG ahead

Photobition Group, the supplier of graphic and related services, lifted pre-tax profits to £1.51 million (£1.26 million) in the half year to September 30. The interim dividend rises to (2.8p) a share. The com-pany said the second half has started well.

Tyneside jobs

Wellstream, a US company, is to create more than 200 jobs in the off-shore industry with a £29 million pipe manufactur-ing plant at the former naval yard at Walker. Newcastle upon Tyne.

IOC jumps

JOC International, the optical electronics company. lifted pre-tax profits to £660,000 from £85,000 in the year to September 30. There is no dividend.

TOURIST RATES



Army's £2 billion Bowman battlefield communications contract was effectively eliminated yesterday when consortiums led by Racal and ITT Defence of America, the only two bidders, agreed to join forces. The partnership came a day after Racal shares

numbled on a profits warning. David Elsbury, Racal's chief executive, said the decision to join ITT was triggered by the Government's continued delays in awarding the contract to equip the Army with digital battlefield communication

A EI2 MILLION Euro freight

rail terminal that will create

an estimated 10,000 new jobs in South Wales is expected to

get the go-ahead today. Cardiff County Council is

seeking to develop the termi-

nal at Wentloog, south of the

city, and is expected to grant the necessary planning per-

missions. Its partners are

Hyder, the water and electricity company, and Eurociad.

systems. As delays mounted the bidding process began eight years ago — Racal and ITT saw their development costs soar. Racal has already spent £35 million to support its Bowman bid and expected costs to rise to £100 million.

Mr Elsbury said the alli-ance with ITT will allow Racal to halve Bowman development costs and allow the Government to award a contract carlier because it will no longer have to evaluate competing technologies. The Government has not formally accepted the Racal-ITT alliance,

The jobs estimate is based on the belief that the terminal

will give a substantial boost to

the distribution industry in

South Wales, and will help

Hyder and Euroclad have

pledged to finance a third of

the project's cost. The terminal will make it possible for

freight trains to run direct to

Paris, Basle and Milan.

Wales to attract further in-

ward investment.

Cardiff poised to agree

£12m Euro freight plan

but has promised a decision n Bowman by March. David Clark, Shadow Defence Secretary, said govern-ment delays had botched the Bowman competition. "It's the taxpayer that suffers," he said. Racal-ITT partnership helped Racal shares to rise llp, to 236p. They fell 50p, or 18 per cent, on Monday as Racal said that its radio division, which makes the battlefield radios, is to make second-half losses because of delays in expected

Small firms

energy plight

SMALL firms are doing

little to conserve energy

even though they are con-cerned about the issue,

chambers of commerce say

today (Philip Bassett writes). In its latest small firms

survey, the British Cham-

bers of Commerce says

small companies spend only an average of seven days a

year on energy conserva-

tion. Lack of management

time, knowledge and funds are the factors mainly cited.

Cheers: Stuart Ross, managing director of Belhaven Brewery, right, celebrates the group's maiden interim pre-tax profits of £2 million, up 10 per cent, and the latest pub acquisition, the Stirling Castle in Glasgow, with Jeff Myers, retail director, left, and Andrew Main, pub owner. A maiden interim dividend of £9p is due to be paid on January 6

Racal and ITT join forces

for £2bn Army contract

orders from Latin America, the Middle East and Britain. Racal reported pre-tax prof-

its of £21.2 million in the half year to October 11, down from E30.1 million previously. The figure includes a £10.1 million charge for reorganisation of the data products business. Turnover rose 20 per cent, to £602 million, and adjusted earnings per share were 7.79p, up from 6.98p. The interim dividend, due on February 7, was held at 2.1p. Reduced orders cut operat-

ing profits of the radio division from £8 million to £1.9 million.

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Euro-fraud costs £4bn a year

BANKING CORRESPONDENT

SOPHISTICATED fraudsters are stealing more than £4 billion a year from the treasury coffers of European Commission member countries and laundering the proceeds through the international banking system, Per Brix Knudsen, director of the EC's anti-fraud co-ordination unit. told a London conference.

He said the missing billions were "the illegal gains" from transnational smuggling frauds involving "high-risk goods" such as cigarettes and alcohol. In such instances, the fraudsters are selling the illicit goods without paying any

Mr Knudsen told the three day International Fraud Conference, aponsored by Royal Bank of Scotland, the US Nations Bank and Banco Santander, that the fraudsters were now turning to frauds involving public procurement and tendering for public con-tracts. He said these started with bribes to gain lucrative grants and financial assislance. Then it was a case of maximum benefits to the fraudsters for minimum ser-

vice to the grant providers".

He said: "With the smug-gling of high-risk goods, the fraudsters try to separate their smuggling operations from their financial operations using couriers as cut-outs to move the money in cash away from the retail and wholesale level in order to reduce the risk of the proceeds being traced before they enter the banking system and start moving into the

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Rival says BA should shed slots in alliance

By Harvey Elliott, air correspondent

PROPOSALS to increase competition on transatlantic air services from Heathrow have been made by United Airlines ahead of inter-governmental talks today on a proposed alliance between British Airways and American Airlines.

United, which claims that the proposed link would reduce competition and increase fares on key north Atlantic services, want the two airlines

to give up 48 take-off and landing slots on six routes. The slots for each route -Heathrow to Boston, Chicago Los Angeles, Miami and New York and Gatwick to Dallas would then be offered by the US to other American carriers.

Cyril Murphy, of United, said the proposal was aimed at routes that would be "monopoly services" if the alliance went ahead.

Southern Water set to lose hundreds of jobs

SCOTTISHPOWER is expected today to announce hundreds of job losses at Southern Water, the utility it bought for £1.68 billion in July. It is thought that most of the redundancies among Southern's 3,900-strong workforce will be voluntary. It is understood that union officials and employees were informed of the curbacks yesterday when the company is said to have given assurances the redundancies will be voluntary. A meeting of shop stewards of the GMB, T&G and Unison trade unions is being held next Tuesday. Analysts believe that around £40 million in cost savings will have been identified by ScottishPower, including the job cuts, disposals and combining services such as billing, with a bill of £40 million for the rationalisation itself.

Jersey LLP law agreed

JERSEY'S controversial limited liability partnerships law has been approved by the Privy Council and should come into force in the new year. It protects the personal assets of members of large partnerships in a damages claim against their firm. Several organisations, including Price Waterhouse and Ernst & Young, have indicated they will reregister in Jersey as an LLP, prompting the Department of Trade and Industry to consider similar legislation for the UK.

Millennium deal

MILLENNIUM & COPITHORNE Hotels said yesterday that it had purchased the lease of the Copthorne Plymouth Hotel from HB Hotels, a subsidiary of Hanson, for £4.1 million. Millennium has run the hotel on a management contract since 1987. Shares in Millennium, which has a portfolio of 16 hotels in the UK, closed unchanged at 352p, compared with a flotation price of 278p. The company is majority owned by CDL, the Singaporean hotel group.

Stordata buys network

STORDATA SOLUTIONS, the computer and car alarm group, has moved into computer networking with the £1.74 million acquisition of Fujitsu ICL's network division. The acquisition will trade as Primary Network Products, and comes with privileged supplier status for ICL's salesforce and customer base. It made pre-tax profits of £269,000 in 1995, on sales of £7.5 million. The acquisition marks Stordata's first strategic move since its reversal into Millgate last year.

Clydeport to cut payout

CLYDEPORT, the Glasgow port operator, plans to cut its dividend after saying that its trading has worsened since it published interim results in August. The company blamed conditions in certain cargo markets, notably imports of coal from Colombia and South Africa, and the effect of the BSE crisis on the animal feed market. Profits are expected to be marginally lower than last year's full-year £5.3 million. The board plans to recommend a 3p final payout, down from 4.4p.

Scottish Radio higher

SCOTTISH RADIO, the commercial radio group, said yesterday that it is to expand its newspaper holdings next year. The company bought Morton Newspapers in Northern Ireland for E11.2 million in 1995 and has raised its profit margins. The company reported a 37 per cent rise in pre-tax profits, to 17 million, in the year to September 30 on turnover of E28 million, up 66 per cent. A final dividend of 5.3p, payable on January 30, makes the total dividend 7.8p, up 20 per cent. jebe read nthe acq

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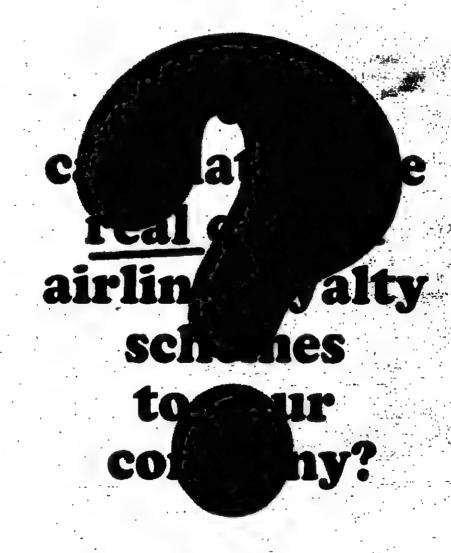
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Single Sign

□ Strong sterling threatens prices too □ Treasury sale nets fair profit □ Lawyers' closed shop under threat

DBRITISH manufacturing industry may be going to the dogs because of the soaring pound, but hey, look on the bright side. At least the cost of consumer goods will fall in the shops, putting pressure on inflation, and so on interest rates. A merry Christmas to us all, and let the Christmas to us all, and let the new year look after itself.

Such is the received wisdom but, as ever in economics, for each view there is another opposite one. Theoretically, the lower cost of imported goods should be passed on by retailers; there is a body of opinion, led by economists such as Richard Jeffrey at Charterhouse Tilney, that

says the opposite is true.
Mr Jeffrey argues that a strong Mr Jeffrey argues that a strong domestic economy pushes manufacturers' costs ahead, as higher wages and falling unemployment increase unit labour costs. This outweighs any advantage from lower prices for imported raw materials These higher costs cannot be passed on by exporters because of the strong currency, so they can only be absorbed by pushing up prices to you and me. pushing up prices to you and me. Take a trip to your local shop-ping centre, if you can manoeu-

Retailers claim their pound of flesh this on board in their individual

by how much have shop prices

The last set of retail price. inflation figures, for October, showed a 3.3 per cent underlying rate of increase. The Government's target for the last quarter, an unrealistic 2.5 per cent, has had to be raised to 3 per cent. For the first quarter of next year the Treasury expects a fall to 2.5 per cent. Not it retailers, keen to make up for four years of lean

margins, can help it.

Now look at our exporters.

Dorling Kindersley yesterday became the first such to point to the high pound as the sole reason behind a profits warning, but others such as Redland last week have linked it to other factors, in that case poor demand in overseas markets.

Among the worst-performing sectors on the stock market in November were textiles, diversified inclustrials, building materials and chemicals, exactly those areas that can expect to suffer vre past the queues of waiting als and chemicals, exactly those motorists, and see if he is right. Sterling has appreciated by 10 from a strong pound. The apper cent since the summer. And

company forecasts, but the market has. Expect further sterlingrelated warnings, and profits

So let us be cheerful, and look at the worst case scenario. Ex-ports are stalling, consumer spending is up, so prices are still rising. The result is pressure on base rates. Low exports hit the balance of payments, so the pound falls, an old-fashioned sterling crisis rather than the one we are enjoying at present. To defend sterling, up go base rates.

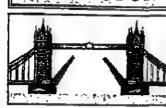
Time and

Energy

[] ON the basis that when an insider sells, everyone should, the Treasury's disposal of most of its British Energy shares should persuade the half a million or so private investors still left to head for the exit.

Yesterday's sale coincided with the offloading of almost all of the

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himber room of residual privatisation holdings, so perhaps nothing too sinister should be read into the timing.

The same exercise took place a year ago almost to the day, with the sale of residual holdings in BAA, BP and others. But while the Treasury has done very well out of British Energy this time, those 100,000-plus private shareholders convinced by the difficulties surrounding the sale to cut their losses and sell out early have much to be unhappy

Energy was supposedly the sell-off that went wrong, the shares plunging in early deal-

BY MARIANNE CURPMEY

HAMBRO Countrywide,

the UK's largest estate agen-

cy, is to offer a conveyancing

service to customers to re-

duce the number of house

sales that fall through

because of legal delays (See Pennington, this page) The initiative will cost £1.25 million, but Harry

venture within three years.

around the country will each

be staffed by 60 solicitors.

From next spring, they will

be open seven days a week

to serve Hambro Country-wide's network of 727 resi-

dential estate agency offices.

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ings below the price that retail investors were asked to put up for the first time in any privatisation since BP in 1987. The partpaid were sold at 105p in July; once the private shareholder had filled in his or her cheque, the company announced that two of its reactors had to be shut down

and the City's interest cooled.

Since early October, to the chagrin of those investors who sold, the price has rocketed. The company announced the depar-ture of almost a third of the staff, cost savings that were not identified in the prospectus, as well as a link with one of the regional

electricity companies. The rate of usage for its power stations has been higher than expectations, and the amount of energy gen-erated is now running about II per cent ahead of last year, an advance that will be confirmed by November output figures due out roday.

Cash generation has been equally far ahead of expectations, and Energy was able to cut debt in half in the six months to

story, in other words: a public asset whose cost savings, trading performance and cashflow have streaked ahead of all forecasts since privatisation. But Energy's run of outperformance would seem to have come to an end.

Hambros takes on the house

☐ ABOUT the only thing that is keeping house prices out of the stratosphere is the sheer hassle, at least south of Hadrian's Wall, of buying a house — those dreary months between putting in an offer and signing the contract taken up with correspondence at a snail's pace between matching sets of solicitors.

Hambro Countrywide believes it has found the answer, a onestop shop selling mortgages, financial service products, and conveyancing in-house. That way Hambros gets the commission fees and speeds up the buying and selling process. It

will need experienced legal staff as well as more than £1 million of investment in technology, spend-ing way beyond the purses of small partnerships of solicitors in provincial towns. The scheme starts next spring and will miss out on the housing upturn so far, but Hambros believes it could do for conveyancing what Direct Line did for motor insurance.

Just one concern. Anyone who has tried to do their own conveyancing knows the delays that solicitors can find to put in the way of anyone outside their own charmed circle, just as estate agents tend to take against those selling their homes through the newspapers. Does Hambros have the clout to take on a closed shop that even Lady Thatcher balked at challenging?

Sleeping Dogs . . .

□ A WINE critic once wittly described a particularly sappy Australian Chardonnay as tasting "like viciously spiked grapefruit juice". Pernod Ricard, owner of Jacob's Creek, probably thinks it is sticking with what it knows in buying Two Dogs spiked lemonade. But who is going to tell the French that the bottom has now fallen out of the alcopops market?

Siebe ready to head out on the acquisition trail

SIEBE, the system controls even spread of our business maker, has improved profits 32 per cent and achieved record

margins of 14.7 per cent.

The group will be looking for acquisition targets in the E50 million to E100 million range to complement its existing business strategy of domi-: nating its specialist markets.

In the six months to September 30, pre-tax profits rose from £144 million to £190 million and turnover jumped 23 per cent to £1.5 billion.

Shareholders will receive an interim dividend of 4.9p, up from 4.44p. Earnings per share rose from 19.2p to 24p.

operations, both by geographic region and economic cycle, and the market share gains which have been made pos-sible by the technical leadership which we enjoy with many of our product lines."

The strong first-half performance was a good indication of the outcome for the year as a whole. Trading in America remained positive, while the Middle East and Far East continued to be robust, Mr Stephens said. There were also signs that markets in continental Europe were pick-

ing up.
Siebe designs and manufac-Barrie Stephens, the chairman, said: That we pertures temperature and appliformed so well is due to the

power controls, process auto-mation and building control systems as well as engineered industrial equipment.

Unitech, the latest acquisition, should enhance carnings this year rather than dilute them as had been expected. Margins were increased at Unitech in spite of a downturn in the semiconductor sector.

Allen Yurko, the chief executive, said that Unitech had fought off hard competition to achieve a record year. "Responding quickly to this adrse economic environment, Unitech's costs were reduced, productivity increased and production facilities in Mexico and China were further developed. Investment in product

development, particularly in Asia, was also accelerated and marketing operations in Taiwan and throughout the Far East were expanded."

He said that Siebe was hoping to spend up to £100 million on further acquisitions. "But we are certainly not looking for anything bigger than that."

The group's financial pos-ition will allow acquisition activity in the future. Gearing currently stands at 52 per cent. Mr Yurko said: "We have an A-plus credit rating and we worked hard to get it. We won't just throw it away again

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Kenwood sticks Agent to do house-deals to solo stance legal work

By Sarah Cunningham

KENWOOD, the household appliances manufacturer under pressure from rebel shareholders, insisted yesterday that it should remain independent, in spite of sharply lower half-time profits.

Tim Beech, managing direc-tor, said: "We feel we can produce shareholder value. The distraction of a merger is not something we want." He confirmed that Kenwood had Hill, managing director, said he hoped to make £10 million extra profit from the received an informal approach from Pifco, the smaller but higher-rated appliances

company but saw no strong commercial logic to a deal.
UK Active Value, the fund run by Julian Treger and Brian Myerson, which specialises in shaking up underperforming companies, is pressing Kenwood's board

to seek a sale. Mr Beech said Kenwood will shortly write to shareholders, urging them to oppose UK Active's motion at the extraordinary meeting.

Mr Treger said yesterday: While Kenwood remains a company with enormous potential, these are weak results from a weak management team which remains essentially unchanged."

The company reported interim pre-tax profits down from £7.4 million to £3.3 million. The fall was mainly because of poor trading in France and Italy, which account for one third of Kenwood's business. The interim dividend, payable on February 24, stays at 3.25p.

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Pentland disposes of Woods

By CLARE STEWART

PENTLAND GROUP, the makers of sports and leisurewear brands, will be hit by a £21 million exceptional charge this year after the disposal of Woods Industries, its US

Woods, maker and dis-tributor of electrical prod-ucts, is being sold to Katy Industries for £27 million. Pentland will use the proceeds to repay part of Woods's debts of £48 million, mostly owed to Pent-

Excluding exceptional costs, analysts expect profits of £32 million (£38.2 million) for the year to

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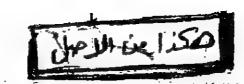
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Tail-end sale of utilities fails to excite investors

THERE was evidence to sug-gest last night that the £257 million sale of the Government's remaining stake in a clutch of utilities had not gone entirely according to plan.

Partly paid shares in British Energy were unmoved at 1471₂p after HSBC James Capel, the broker, bought 8t million shares from the Government. HSBC later placed them with various institutions at the ruling market price of

14712p. But by the close of business last night only 103.1 million shares had been registered on the City ticker. Allowing for the usual process of double counting, a total of 162 million shares should have been registered. This suggests that just over half the holding had been placed by the close of business. British Energy was floated off in July this year at 1000 and made slow progress during the first few months of trading. By October 14 they had reached 110p, providing the institutions that had subscribed for the issue with a

small premium. In the past

month, however, they have

significantly outperformed the

rest of the market. The Treasury also unloaded 6.6 million shares in National Grid, unchanged at 190p. 1.96 million Northern Ireland Electricity, 212p better at 3641::p. 7.65 million Scottish Hydro, 12p dearer at 314p, 18.7 million ScottishPower, 12p harder at 34112, 298,723 National Power, unmoved at 449p, 232,028 PowerGen ¹2p easier at 577p, 3.57 million. Severn Trent, 8p dearer at 66812p. 111,800 South West Water, IIp better at 59812p. and one million Wessex Water, l'ap lower at 3521ap.

The overnight rally on Wall Street set the scene for an opening mark-up in London, where prices were chased sharply higher in thin trading. The FT-SE 100 index charged up to reach 4,066.7 but failed to consolidate its position as Wall Street saw an opening 32point lead wiped out. The index eventually closed off its best with a rise of 23.0 at 4,061.5, partly reflecting a late sell-off in both gifts and sterling. The sell-off of utilities by the Government expanded

ket, adding 5p at 65212p ahead of today's trading update which is expected to paint an upbeat picture of prospects.



First-half results at Siebe left Allen Yurko, chief executive, left, and Barrie Stephens, upbeat and the shares 10p higher

The group has been enjoying double-digit sales growth this year and the pace is unlikely to have slowed.

A buy recommendation from Merrill Lynch, the broker, enabled Pilkington to firm Ip at 1530. Kevin Cammack at Merrill says the shares are now looking oversold and good value for money. He says there are also profits were down from £30.1 million to £21.2 million. Prior to Monday's announcement, which saw the price tumble 50p, brokers had been looking for profits of around £36

News of 3,000 job losses and a major restructuring at the newly merged LucasVarity, automotive parts supplier left the price lop down at 234p.

Jarvis, the construction group, continues to scale new heights. The shares rose 812p to 140p, leading to suggestions from speculators that something is afoot. A party of ten institutions will be visiting the company on Friday arranged by Peel Hunt. the broker. Jarvis unveils figures on Monday.

signs of stability returning to the European glass market. Royal Bank of Scotland reacted with a rise of 412p at

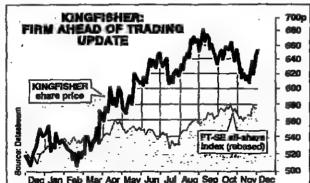
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profits warning, with a rise of llp at 236p. Interim pre-tax

disposal of 13 businesses, is expected to take two years and result in cost savings of £120 million by 1999. This is nearly double the £65 million forecast at the time of the merger earlier this year. problems The

LucasVarity also spilled over into GKN, where the price dropped 2612p to £10.8012.

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Pifeo's much talked of bid for Kenwood, which left the latter nursing a 10p fall at 2231zp. Kenwood said no formal offer had been received from Pifco, which includes Russell Hobbs kettles. Kenwood has failed to live up to City expectations and trades well below its peak of 278p for the year. Pifco was

unmoved at 283p.

The strong pound is taking its toll on Dorling Kindersley. the publisher, leading brokers to begin downgrading their full-year profit forecasts. The group says that if the exchange rate of \$1.69 is maintained for the rest of the year, it will wipe £1.6 million from profits. The shares fell 81p to

An unbest statement about current trading offset the expected downturn in interim profits at Hazlewood Foods. The crisis over BSE reversed a profit of £2.7 million at its delicatessen and meat products division into a loss. The shares rose 512p to 103p.

Siebe responded to better than expected first-half figures with a rise of 10p to 950p. The company, under Barrie Stephens, chairman, was in an upbeat mood about prospects at its meeting with analysts afterwards.

H Young Holdings rallied first thing on further reflection of the proposed acquisition of Madison and a share placing. But the price boiled over and finished 1'2p easier at 123'2p.
A profits warning left Clydeport 19p down at 1331ap by the close.

GILT-EDGED: The late sell-off in sterling saw early gains wiped out and left bond prices nursing small losses on the day ahead of today's auction. The worst of the losses were seen at the shorter end, which is more sensitive to movements in interest rates.

In futures the December series of the long gilt touched a high for the day of £1121732 before finishing a tick easier at Ellisa. The total number of contracts completed reached 56.000. Treasury 8 per cent 2015 was left unchanged at £105932, while Treasury 8 per NEW YORK: The bulls

where shares were widely higher by mid-session. The Dow Jones industrial average stood at 6,539.9, up 18.27

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Essential repairs

restructuring and yesterday, after a good rub with a chamois leather, the package of costsavings worth El20 million emerged with a fine surface sheen. Underneath the exterior gloss, however, the outlook is not quite so amactive. Back in May when the merger was amounced. Lucas and Varity reckoned a combination of their businesses could bring about savings of £60 million, a figure that was. clearly conservative given the constraints of

To double that figure in the space of six months and add £130 million of asset writedowns suggests a belt and braces approach that would not be required if the outlook was more favourable. The main problem is the weak Continental market where the company needs to knit together its braking systems businesses.

capital target of 20 per cent plus, a level it achieves in every division except heavy vehicle braking. Keeping that level of return, let alone improving it, in a market suffering lower growth is difficult. The company is under pressure to show gains from the merger, hence the hefty cuts in asset values and the drive to reduce costs. Asset writedowns should improve returns and factory closures will cut overheads.

The market was expecting about £330 million in pre-exceptional profits in the current year and £400 million from the group next year. Assuming about half of the savings revealed yesterday are achieved by January 1998, the market is expecting little underlying growth from the business. All the more pressure to cut costs.

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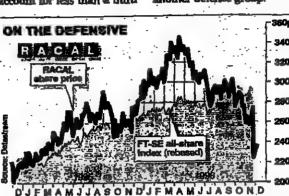
RACAL will never again count its chickens. In the summer, the defence electronics group confidently predicted higher profits and the shares, which had been on the wane reversed course. A subsequent examination of the order book revealed gaping holes. The shares reversed course

again, wiping £150 million from Racal's market value. Excessive optimism is the least of Racal's problems. It competes in a world of shrinking military budgets, and the contract-driven mature of the business engines a hmpy income stream. Racal has taken steps to reduce uncertainty. It has joined forces with ITT, its American rival, to bid for a £2 billion contract to supply digital

The merger effectively climi-nates the only rival bidder, of its income; the target of 50 per cent still looks remote. thereby ensuring success. But Racal pays a price recruiting ITT dilutes Racal's share of the project.

A push to secure long-term service contracts should help. to smooth the income stream but although recurring revenues are tising, they still account for less than a third

Investors with a better sense of timing than Racal's management have hitherto made money out of this stock. But in future gains may prove more elusive. And in due course, Racal itself may decide the best course of action is to merge with another defence group.



Siebe

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WHAT IS Slebe's secret? The. system controls group is one of Britain's strongest industrial performers and reported a 32 per cent rise in interim pre-tax profits yesterday. Unsurprisingly for a sys-

systems to the British Army.

tem controls manufacturer, Siebe's managers have a system that works well for them. They call it the "magic six". Division heads are required to report six key business indicators, including orders, purchases and cash flows every week. The board uses the information as an early warning system.

But there is more to Siebe's success than micro-level managing. The group is quick to adjust to changes in 1980s, Siebe was thought to be part of the ram-raiding brat pack, keeping up with the Hansons of this world in the merger and acquisition frenzy. Yet, while Hanson stagnated. Siebe has gone from strength to strength.

further evidence that the company is much more than an investment trust of engineering businesses. Unlike Hanson, Siebe's bosses are more than corporate financiers controlling the purse strings but have their eye on the tiller, the radar screen and the engine room as well as the petty cash box.

In the supposedly quieter 1990s, the management has been putting greater emphasis on long-term planning and staff training. Siebe is, however, still in the acquisition business and, ultimately, will need new capacity to keep profits growing apace.

Kenwood

KENWOOD's management yesterday. The interim results were poor and the out-look not much better. All in all, they produced nothing that will keep at bay their dissident shareholder, UK Active Value, which wants to sell the company.

Kenwood's biggest markets are in Italy and France. both looking bleak with little sign of a sales upturn. Moreover, the poor summer just experienced on the Continent means the company now has an overhang of air conditioning stock

Kerrwood was frank yester day about its trading difficulties, but less forthcoming about its strategy which, it believes, provides aimple justification for the company to remain independent. Vague talk of cutting costs is mentioned but no outright closures of factories. Shareholders are promised

full details in due course but if Kenwood's bosses had any bright ideas, yesterday was a good opportunity to air them. gives no reason to buy the shares which are clearly un-Pifco, the erstwhile bidder, or someone else, Kenwood looks ripe for takeover.

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Holding the purse strings

ANGELA KNIGHT dived straight for her handbag on hearing yesterday's fire alarm at the Treasury. Shielded from the rain by her natty headsquare and a borrowed brolly, but still in her high heels and jade suit, the Economic Secretary to the Treasury marched her minions into the basement coffee bar of the Methodist Central

Not to be put off from the day's work Knight resumed a meeting on building societies. As the only one with a handbag, however, her leadership qualities were tested to the full, when it came to a round of coffees.

Sweet millions

WE ALWAYS knew that the Bank of Credit and Commerce International was in a mess. But, until yesterday, we didn't know just how bad.

John Moscow, New York's deputy chief of investigations, who spent years examining BCCI. spilt the beans at the International Fraud Convention in London. "It was a beauty and a joy to behold," he said, describing how it felt to find a note for a \$100 million loan with "as per your request" scribbled down. No details, no names, nothing." Moscow tells me. "Nice, sweet and fraudulent."

Call screen

ON THE golf course or at the gym, single-minded phones with the launch of Mobile Money". The first international service to provide all listed London Stock Exchange share prices and foreign exchange rates direct to your mobile phone comes courtesy of Martin Dawes



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"I still think we should have issued a 'profits warning' warning

"A TURKEY'S for life a chicken's for Christmas" is the festive slogan from Nando's. The flame-grilled chicken restaurant is cashing in on a cam-paign this Christmas to save the turkeys. As well as car bumper stickers, supporters receive a loyalty card, with an in-store tracking device to record the number of turkeys that they help to save.

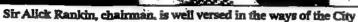
Thriller CV

NEVER mind John McLaren's new book, get your hands on a copy of his curriculum vitae. According to the document, the director of corporate finance at Morgan Grenfell and author of silicon thriller Press Send, "lives in a stunning house in central London, once occupied by composer Vaughan Williams. Owns possibly the UK's most impressive stereo. Drives a Nissan Skyline and E-type

And if this isn't enough, I also read that the 45-yearold smoothic was the youngest director to be taken on at Barings when he joined the bank in 1984. and was recently included on the Evening Standard list of who to be seen with. "drives too fast and eats out too often". He is also the self-proclaimed James Bond of merchant

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Sir Gerald Elliot, former chairman, is critical of short-term ploys

Grandees do battle for the soul of Christian Salvesen

bid to unseat the entire board of Christian Salvesen, the transportation and business a services group based in Edin-burgh, is building into a fascinating confrontation between two of the leading names in Scottish business -Sir Gerald Elliot, Salvesen's former chairman, and Sir Alick Rankin, who now holds the post. The war of words between the two is remarkable, not just for its outspokenness, but for the fact that it is taking place so publicly in a city where financial altercations are normally conducted discreetly behind neo-classical doors.

Today the two men will meet for the first time since the row blew up, when Sir Gerald, who rethred as chairman eight years ago, and other key shareholding members of the Salvesen family, hold talks with the board to hear details of its plans. There is little

sign of a meeting of minds. It is a clash, not just of opinion, but of style. Sir Gerald, 72, is an ascetic figure, devoted about the arts as well as business, a lover of classical music who plays the violin, and who has written extensively on arts administration and economic management. He believes . that companies should build on their. strengths and look to long-term growth rather than pander to the whims of the market. And he objects strongly to what he calls the "bizarre blackmail" by which Salvesen is being forced to demerge its most profitable company and pay out £150 million in specia question whether the board is fit to carry on" is his battle cry, and since he still owns 2 per cent of the company to which he has devoted his entire working career, his is a voice that has. to be listened to.

No one, by contrast, would accuse Sir Alick of ascencism. The extrovert chairman of Scottish & Newcastle Breweries, aged 61. is more likely to be found at Multifield Golf Club than the. Usher Hall. He lists his recreations as shooting, fishing, golf, tennis, and the study of oenology, which is wine. He knows the City inside out, and has helped to build S&N into the UK's biggest brewer through a shrewd programme of diversification and acquisitions. Its half-year results, anPayout and demerger plans highlight a

clash of style, writes Magnus Linklater

nounced on Monday, pushed its shareprice up llp to 050p on what was otherwise an indifferent day, a perfor-mance which Sir Alick noted with some satisfaction from the comfort of his office next door to the Palace of Holyroodhouse, with its spectacular view of Arthur's Seat. He dismisses Sir Gerald's intervention as a failure to understand how shareholders behave, and accuses him of destabilising the

about short-term City interests and long-term growth. Sir Gerald is convinced that a sturdily independent Scottish company is being placed at risk to satisfy greedy sharehold-ers. Sir Alick insists that if the demerger. move had not been made, "the consequence would have been no Salvesen at all". But the confrontation has layers of irony as well. Sir Alick was once

a classic debate

vited on to the Salvesen board in 1986 when Sir Gerald was still chairman, with a view to

strengthening its Scottish base. He has himself been vigorous in his defence of Scottish institutions, most notably when he defended S&N against a hostile takeover by Elders IXL, the Australian lager group, in a highly public campaign where he played the Scottish card rather in the way Sir Gerald is now doing. And it was his action this summer in turning down a takenver bid for Salvesen from Havs. the service group, which sparked the whole row.

The rejection of the El.1 billion

spate of rumours, leaked to the press. about the nature of the offer. It led to a volatile Salvesen share price, pushing it above 400p. This greatly heightened the expectations of shareholders. When, therefore, the board turned it down as inadequate, there was widespread condemnation from powerful institutions such as Scottish Widows and Standard Life.

In order to rebuild support, Chris very company he did so much to Masters, Salvesen's chief executive, mould. At the heart of the argument is last week proposed a demerger of its successful Aggreko

> hires out industrial equipment, and is now so successful that it accounts for more than 40 per cent of Salvesen's profits. In addition, he announced that early next year a £150 million special divi-dend would be paid to shareholders. But to Salvesen's

subsidiary, which

concern, instead of restoring confidence. the share price continued to drift. Some of simply reshuffling

on its own does not

address any operating issues," said Graham Wood, of Standard life. Sir Gerald was particularly scornful. The whole exercise was meant not to

promote the long-term interests of the company, but to tweak up the share price," he says, "But this hasn't happened. The share price has not gone up, it's gone down. And the press comments have been miserable: Salvesen throws in the towel. Salvesen outs up the white flag, that kind of thing. But this is not a bankrupt company, it's a strong, profitable forward-thrusting company." He has decided to fight the proposals indicative bid from Hays followed a publicly, to take on the board, and to

demand its resignation if necessary. Sir Alick responds impatiently: "Gerald is a nice chap, but not only is he not up to date with the way the City works, he is deeply resentful of it. There is all the difference in the world between knowing what it is like being a public company and not knowing. You have to work within the system, you can't just pick the bits you like. If we hadn't taken action, the share price might have gone into freefall, and certainly well below £3, and we would have been the non-flavour of every month in the City. Salvesen would have been vulner-

able to every predator in the business." He accuses Sir Gerald of destabilising the company and being personally responsible for undermining the share price. "All he's doing is creating a degree of uncertainty in the mind of the shareholder," he said. He is angry too at the suggestion that the board is divided. There is not a single

member who is not rock solid."

Sir Gerald disagrees: "The board is not monolithic on this. I've talked to a lot of people in the City and they say what's happened is quite wrong. A board is meant to promote and enhance a company. No board which sol-emnly pays out half its net asset value to reward its shareholders can claim to be doing that." He estimates that to achieve the dividend payout, Salvesens will have to increase its borrowings substantially, bringing them a debt/ratio of about 150 per cent which he considers "dangerously high".

Not so, says Sir Alick; it is only 110 per cent, which is perfectly acceptable. Sir Gerald has got to consider whether he is criticising the board, or using this whole issue as a soap box from which to attack the City. We are continuing to run this company in the best possible way in the interests of its shareholders. If we had not done so there would simply have been no company at all."

With the views of both men so polarised, it is unlikely that today's meeting will be a particularly cosy one. But despite the war of words, each had warm things to say about the other, "splendid chap... high regard" and so on. And both used the same phrase to describe this battle of the grandees. "Great fun, don't you think?"



The odd tale of Alice in Euroland

magine, if your can, a horse race run under the following rules:

☐ The form of all runners will be assessed in a series of trials, long enough to ensure consistency. They will then be handicapped accordingly, in terms of starting position. During these trials, runners may carry any weight they wish, provided that this does not lead to in-and-out running. Inconsistency in test running will lead to disqualification.

Once under starter's orders or indeed later in the

ders, or indeed later in the race, runners are free to shed any excess weight they were carrying during the trials. Now answer the following questions (using one side of a

postage stamp only): a): What to you think of these rules? b): Which horse would you back?

To save you any thought, the answers are, in reverse order: the winner would be the horse with most weight to shed, because the rules are as silly as anything since Lewis Carroll's Caucus Race. Now explain, if you think you can, how the negotiators at Maastricht came to adopt a set of rules for the euro which embody exactly the same Alice in Wonderland logic. Take your time; write at book

length if necessary. You will still be unconvincing. The point of this rather contrived analogy is to per-suade you, before I utter the deadly words, to think seriously about what Eurocrais might call structural convergence. "Might", because here we have a puzzle within a puzzle: have they actually thought about this matter at all, or is it an accident waiting to happen? Are they, in short, being deeply Machi-And is it too late to persuade any to notice?

Time to translate. The sheddable weights which the continental economies - especially the so-called core economies — are carrying are their extravagant social pro-visions, the pension and wel-fare obligations that can add more than 40 per cent to actually payroll costs. These are so burdensome that they have already driven some French enterprises to move their whole operations, together with their French staff, to Kent. Their Governsevere handicap, which is why they worry about the euro/US dollar exchange. and accuse EU partners with more reasonable rules of "social dumping".

German companies vote

with their feet, and build plants in Poland or the Czech Republic, but their Government, still in the grip of its Atlas delusion, appears un-worried. Nothing, it seems to imagine, need change. But this does not mean that nothing will change. On the contrary, it is a near certainty that as costs are inflated in future through the ageing of the population, they will have to change. Can you imagine, for example, that the French trucking industry will be able to honour its promise of 75 per cent pen-sions from 55 if life expectan-cy goes on rising? In due course continental governments will grasp the same nettle that Margaret Thatcher grubbed up years ago, when she abolished Serps. It is a racing certainty.

Now of course they may not get away with it as easily as she did. If their streets are endlessly blockaded, the French might find it a struggle simply to cut back social on-costs fast enough to preserve some hope of competing. In that case, they will never gain an edge. But it is at least as likely, surely, that at some stage the social overhead will be seen as an EU crisis, and tackled on a harmonised basis; and in that outcome, the first shall be last. That is not a forecast, mark you; but even if the odds are against a resolute EU solution, the mere possibility shows what a headache it is for a country with low social overhad to hx "irrevo cably" its terms of internal EU competition, at this early

Think about that, and you may also begin to wonder why the French, who already talk of their internal exchange rate. which could at any stage be devalued in real terms by a French Thatcher, as irrevocable, but make such a fuss about the rate against the US dollar, which is not fixed at all. Stupid? When France appears stupid, put your money on Machiavelli.

Jon Ashworth on the factors driving accountants' soul-baring

Masters: proposed demerger

Numbers man has secret widget itch

ick Land's deep, dark. dirty secret is out. Not only does his office command spectacular views of Waterloo station, but his pay cheque, as senior partner in Ernst & Young, will more than cover the household bills. Land took home a shade under £427,000 in the year to end-June; making Colin Sharman's £740,000 package at KPMG look positively vul-gar. But not bad going, all the

Ten years ago, all this baring of souls would have been unthinkable. The Big Eight accountants found the idea of advertising frightening enough. The thought of exposing their books to scrutiny would have been too much. But forward-thinkers like

Sharman and Land saw things differently. Business was going to grow increasingly tough for accountants, and a greater openness was called for if they were to hold their own. There could be no more hiding behind the partnership

Land, 48, is as wellequipped as anyone to peel back the layers. Disarmingly jovial, readily contentious, he has presided over a period of intense change at the firm, and is keen to drive the process forward. Publishing the accounts is a logical step, even if more for the benefit of the media than for the firm's clients. "I think the clients are pleased we're doing it, but it's not at the top of their list."

Land has worked hard at breaking down barriers in the seven years since Ernst & Whinney merged with Arthur Young. Melding the two cultures was neither pleasant nor easy. As Land recalls: "We



Nick Land, senior partner of Ernst & Young: "The odd widget would have been nice".

spent the first couple of years just smashing the two businesses together, sorting the hasics out, mixing people up, trying to get economies and that sort of thing, and we did it in a pretty forthright way." The headcount came down from 8,000 to 6,500.

By July 1995, when Land succeeded Elwyn Eilledge as senior partner, the emphasis was shifting forward. "We began to make financial information much more freely available, began to talk much more openly about the numbers." The decision to publish the accounts was taken about 14 months ago, "It's a natural progression. Arguably we

should have done it sooner." Ernst & Young's accounts give the clearest insight yet into the pressure that partners are under. It shows earnings stuck at an average of £172,000 a year between 1993 and 1995. rising to £200,000 last year. Land blames the recession, and says there has been heavy investment in people and

methodology. But firms are under fire on a broader front. The fear of "deep-pocket" law suits against auditors has alarmed partners; one of the reasons why Ernst & Young, like Price Waterhouse, is looking to the safety of limited liability part-nerships. Competition is in-

tense, both from corporate finance boutiques and law firms specialising in tax. and from consultants like Mc-

Clients have become more commercial, demanding more from their accountants, and there is a drain on staff as industry starts picking off the talent. As Land concedes: "We can never compete with an American investment bank if they badly want one of our people." Opening the books is all part of a concerted response. "Really what you want to do is create an environment where people want to stay on. Money is part of that, and we've obviously got to be

Kinsey and Bain & Co.

want to do is engender an environment where people feel that it is in their career interests to stay on longer than they might."

This was certainly true of Land. Raised in Shoreham-on-Sea, between Worthing and Brighton, he came to London in 1970 for what was meant to be the "classic" two-year stint. Making parmer in 1978, he went on to run the London office of Ernst & Whinney, taking on managerial respon-sibilities, then becoming UK managing partner in 1992 before the top job beckoned.

is wife, Sonia Land, enjoys an equally high profile. A former chief executive of Harper-Collins, she runs Sheil Land, a literary agency, and is a nonexecutive director of Waterford Wedgwood and Mirror Group Newspapers. The couple live in Chiswick, west London, with their son, Christopher, I2. Weekends are spent near Haslemere in Surrey.

Whatever the pressures, Land still thinks making partner is a worthwhile goal. You're not going to become a multi-millionaire, but you should get a pretty good standard of living. Things could have been very different. I'd rather have made widgets, if I'm really honest about it. I could definitely have been running some miserable faciory somewhere."

That the "factory" is Ernst & Young is no bad thing, "What I like most is being involved with running a business. I don't think it matters wo much, to be honest, what sort of business it is. But the odd widget would have been nice."

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Wessex views future after veto on bid

By CHRISTINE BUCKLEY, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

WESSEX WATER is planning to hounce back from its blocked bid for South West Water by spending its £75 million cash pile to offer more produce value to shareholders value to its shareholders.

Although analysts hope for a buyback or a special dividend, the company has not ruled out fresh attempts at acquisitions. Industry watchers think that Wessex could go for Bristol Water, the small statutory water supplier.

Nick Hood, Wessex Water chairman, declared the Government's veto of its planned bid for South West as "barmy". He said: "It's OK for the Cincinatti Cookie Company which knows nothing about water to come over and buy a water business but not for us." Wessex spent £3 million on preparations for a bid and on responding to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission inquiry that ensued. The bid was barred by the Government because it would reduce the number of water companies

with which the industry regulator can make comparisons. This has left Wessex with £75 million of cash. Mr Hood said that this would be used to

A move for Bristol Water would not arouse the same monopoly concerns. Wessex could also increase its holding in UK Waste Management, its joint venture with Waste Manement international of the US. WMI is willing to consider various sales as part of a

within the next six months.

sweeping review.

A shake-up is under way in Wessex Water, with the immediate loss of up to 30 senior jobs. In the six months to Sept-ember 30, Wessex cut operating costs by 4 per cent. It plans similar cuts in the future.

The company lifted pre-tax profits for the half year by 10.4 per cent, to £75.5 million. UK Waste Management contributed £6.2 million to profits.

The interim dividend, due on April 7, is 5.7p, up 14 per cent.



Colin Skellett, left, Wessex Water chief executive, and Nick Hood, chairman, yesterday

Hazlewood spices up its forecast

By Sarah Cunningham

THE PROSPECT of an and £500,000 off profits at the improved final dividend ready meals division. The gave a boost to shares in results include an exceptional Hazlewood Foods yesterday, despite a 30 per cent drop in half-time profits.

charge of £4.7 million on the disposal of Charles Turner, the recycled paper products The company said the BSE scare knocked £2 milbusiness. Pre-tax profit was £11.4 million compared with tion off profits at the delica-£16.1 million a year ago. tessen and meat division

stronger margins and strong cash generation mean he is confident about the second half and expects to be able to propose a higher final dividend. The interim dividend was maintained at 24p. It is payable on January 21. The shares closed 5tp higher at

Marston's to expand piano bars

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY

MARSTON Thompson & Evershed, the regional brewer, said yesterday that it hoped to open II new Pitcher and Piano bars next year.

David Gorden, managing director, said that Marston's would aim to increase the opening rate to 15 a year for the subsequent two years. Marston's purchased the Pitcher and Piano chain for £20 million in May.

Mr Gordon's comments came as Marston's unveiled a 5 per cent increase in half-year profits before tax to £14.7 million. Turnover rose 7 per cent, to 591.4 million.

The operating margin edged ahead from 18.1 per cent to 18.3 per cent. Overall beer volumes fell 2.1 per cent, although profits from brewing increased by 8 per cent. Sales increased by 8 per cent. Sales of own-brew products edged ahead by 0.5 per cent, with Marston's Bitter Smooth-breed, the company's new nitro-keg beer, performing ahead of expectations. Mr Gordon added that the company's burneth in the Linited ny's launch in the United

States was progressing well.

The interim dividend was increased by 8 per cent, to 2.7p, payable on January 14.

New NatWest unit for Gartmore funds

NATWEST has established a new marketing company since its acquisition of Gartmore, investment managers, in April. The NatWest and Gartmore Marketing Group will centralise the sale of investment products through the bank's branches, sales force and Gartmore's network amongst independent financial advisers. Both the NatWest and Gartmore brands will be retained. The move will enable NatWest's 6.5 million customers to buy a core range of around six unit trusts on an execution only basis, although the bank will still provide financial advice. The Gartmore brand will be used to market specialist funds. Lawrence Churchill, managing director of NatWest Life

& Investment Services, said further synergies in the retail business were possible particularly between NatWest UK. Counts and the Olster Bank. Certain NatWest and Cartmore unit trusts may be merged. Up to 80 people lost their jobs when Gartmore replaced NatWest Investment Management as the bank's fund manager.

Camden Motors buyout

CAMDEN MOTORS, the car dealer owned by Barclays Bank for 20 years, has been sold to its management for an undisclosed sum. The company, which Barclays inherited when it bought Mercantile Credit in 1975, is the fifteenth largest car dealer in the UK, with 450 staff. Candover Investments is backing the buyout. It will be chaired by Sir Geoffrey Whalen, the former chairman of Peugeot UK. Barclays will remain its largest customer.

Lorien buys rivals

LORIEN, the AIM-listed, fast growing computer support services company, is buying two competitors for £14.5 million. It is paying up to £10.5 million for Frost Berekley Associates, business software consultancy to the City of London, and £4 million for Arena Resources. Lorien is funding the buys through a placing and open offer to raise £18.25 million, offering new shares at 320p on a one-for-four basis.

St James starts well

ST JAMES BEACH HOTELS, the operator of hotels in Barbados, earned pre-tax profits of £250,000 in the six months to September 30, against losses of £203,000 previously. Earnings were 0.51p a share (losses of 1.28p) and the interim dividend is lifted to 1.75p (1.5p). This is the first time the company, whose earnings are much higher in the second half, has achieved a profit in the first half. This was attributed to higher room rates and improved occupancy.

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Barcom boosts payout

BARCOM, the specialist plant hire and sales group, is increasing the total dividend to 1.2p a share from 0.3p after reporting a rise in pre-tax profits to E2.7 million in the year to September 30 from £700,000 previously. Earnings improved to 5.1p a share (2.6p). There is a final dividend of 0.8p. Turnover was £52.5 million (£24.2 million). The company said the construction and housing markets were unlikely to see a significant increase in the current year.

Morrison's first interim

MORRISON CONSTRUCTION GROUP, the construction company listed in October 1995, lifted pre-tax profits to £4.77 million from £3.18 million in the six months to September 30. Earnings were 4.69p a share (4.28p) and there is a maiden interim dividend of 1.64p a share. The shares fell lp to 236 2p. Turnover rose to £123 million from on Private Finance Initiative projects.

Berisford stock offer

BERISFORD, the food equipment to Magnet kinchens group, set a maximum price of 73p a unit for the purchase of its convertible unsecured loan stock. The buy-back was delayed last tnonth after the company announced a possible bid approach. On Friday Berisford said the bidder had withdrawn. The offer represents a 10 per cent premium over Monday's price for the 5 per cent convertible unsecured loan stock 2015.

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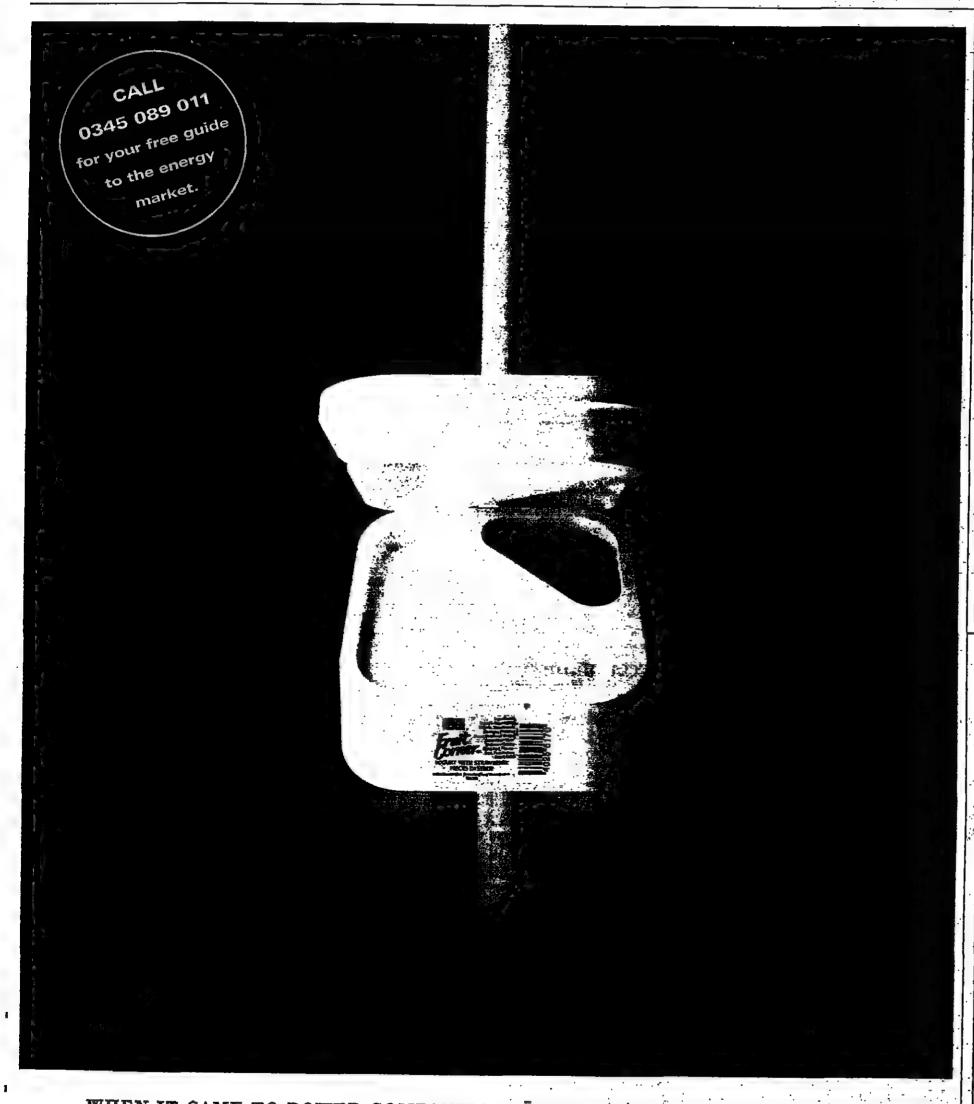
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JAZZ 1

In praise of Ira: celebrating the other half of the famous Gershwin songwriting partnership



JAZZ 2

Hotfooting it from Canada: Diana Krall, the most promising vocal talent of the 1990s, heads for London





JAZZ 3

From brash pop icon to brave jazz experimenter: Deborah Harry continues to reinvent herself



TOMORROW

Jodie Foster goes behind the camera to direct Anne Bancroft and Holly Hunter in Home for the Holidays

JAZZ: Salutes to an incomparable lyricist of yesteryear, and a star of tomorrow. Plus the return of an icon



George (left) and Ira Gershwin: a perfect writing partnership abruptly ended by George's death

Fascinating rhyme man takes a bow

great day and a sad day. Great because it marks the 100th anniversary of Ira Gershwin's birth. Sad because, as the centenaries of these supreme lyri-cists pass by — Cole Porter in 1991, Lorenz Hart and Oscar Hammerstein last year - we become increasingly aware of how inadequate the lyric-writing of our own

era has become. Where, in all those clodhopping mega-musicals that lurch into the West End, can you find a single line to match the wit of an Ira Gershwin lyric? Or a single rhyme to rival the audacity of the genius who twinned "embraceable you" with "silk-and-laceable you"? Who today would dare to pen an entire patter-chorus consisting of nothing but the sur-names of 49 Russian composers? It's not that present-day lyricists are dimmer than Ira; more that they have such low expectations of their audience's comprehension.

If appreciation of his craft is not as widespread as it should be, that is probably because of brother George. The words "Gershwin song" imply just one, indivisible creator — and that illusion is sustained by the product itself. Words fit melody so well that the notion of them being separately conceived is scarcely credible.

Try to imagine Ira's words to Fascinating Rhythm set to any tune except George's; or George's tune fitted to other words. Impossible. Then read, in Ira's great textbook of songwriting, Lyrics on Several Occasions, how much sweat and guile went into achieving that

seemingly heaven-sent synthesis: "When I got to the eighth line I showed the lyric to George. His eighth lines should have a double rhyme where I had rhymed them with single syllables. I protested . . . to me the last two notes in these ly topical cornedy is never staged

Richard Morrison celebrates the genius of Ira Gershwin, born 100 years ago

lines formed a spondee. But this George couldn't see, and so, on and off, we argued for days. Finally I had to capitulate and write the lines as they are today." No other songwriting partner-ship was so intensely intertwined.

But then, they were brothers. Together they had survived the lean years in the immigrant ghettos of the Lower East Side: 28 homes in 18 years. Together they revelled in giddy success - the extraordinary 1927-28 season, for instance, when four Gershwin shows ran simultaneously

on Broadway. 6 Ira was And together they took their artform able to take into areas that today's tunesmiths would not his audience's dream of entering: folk-opera with a consophistication science in Porgy and Bess; biting saure in Strike Up the Band, Let em Eat Cake and for granted 9

only from the frothy compilation, Crazy For You, are missing a lot. Then, at 38, George was struck by a fatal brain tumour. "No one will ever know how much Ira suffered when George died," wrote Irving Berlin. Perhaps. But you get an inkling from the brittle lyrics that Ira wrote after George's death;

songs with barely-coded titles like Once There Were Two of Us and Something's Wrong. Yet the measure of Ira's enduring talent is that he pulled himself together and wrote the scintillating show that give his new partner, Kurt Weill, his first Broadway hit. What a shame that this scathingtoday. It's about a career-mad magazine editor who goes to a shrink to have her nightmares interpreted. In one hallucination, for instance, she interrupts her own wedding to scream "Where are the proofs?" at her guests. Such editors are not unknown, of course. But this one also harbours a subconscious carnal desire for her own advertising manager, which must be a unique mental disorder.

The point is that Ira could take for granted the fact that his audience was sophis-

ticated enough to lap up a satire on psychiatry that was full of dazzling wordplay. Who would attempt to mount such an intellectual tour-de-force in the musical theatre today? Indeed, who -apart from Stoppard - would do so even in the spoken theatre?

Of Thee I Sing. Those At the heart of Ira's who know "the Gershwin shows" craft lay a duality. He aspired, he said, to catch "the way people speak to each other - their slang, their cliches, their catchphrases". And he succeeded. Such lines as "They can't take that away from me", or "Nice work if you can get it", or "How long has this been going on?" seem plucked straight from the

subway. Yet he matched this gift for the colloquial with flights of fantasy as wild as anything in W.S. Gilbert or his mentor P.G. Wodehouse. His lovers argue about whether it's tomayto or tomahto. Or they defy comparisons with Columbus, Marconi and Edison.

Ira loved to mix the archaic and the modish - as in the line "Of thee l sing, baby". And he delighted in shuffling words simply to make nice sounds. "S Wonderful is surely the most gleeful essay in sibilant saturation since Shakespeare's When to the sessions of sweet

silent thought".

As for his rhymes, well, he was capable of epic virtuosity when the mood suited:

At the risk of sounding platitudinous Here's what I believe should be the attitude in us."

The work of a showoff? I don't think so. Ira simply belonged to an era when songwriters aspired to be literate and brain-teasing, not mind-numbing and obvious. As a teenager, drifting through dime-aday jobs, he devoured Ibsen, Barrie, Wodehouse. At least two of his lyrics paraphrase Herrick; he also cited the Roman poet Horace as an influence. He loved the English language, and was expert in its application. Indeed, one of the most passionate passages in Lyrics for Several Occasions is a long defence of his use of a single word - the

got" in I got rhythm. "You are the greatest lyricist of them all," Wodehouse told Ira in 1959. The compliment was justified. True, an accident of birth gave Ira a brother who wrote the finest tunes of the era, and an accident of history brought them to promi-nence just as the Broadway musical itself reached its finest hour. But Ira's craft was no accident.

He consciously fused the Gilbertian tradition of English comic verse with the vigour of American speech, and produced a body of work - 700 lyrics in all that stands comparison with anything in 20th-century "serious" from him, as the old song almost

The Complete Lyrics of ira Gershwin is published by Pavilion Books

Sensuous mistress of klutz

Trying to keep pace with Diana Krall's conversation is no easy task. Not that she talks excessively on the contrary, her manner is unusually modest and self-effacing. It is the range of her interests that proves so distracting. In-an instant she can switch subject from Fats Waller to Tori Amos and Peggy Lee, from the merits of Peter Gabriel and Oscar Peterson to childhood memories of

the Swedish tenor Jussi Björling. If Krall appears hesitant about trumpeting her own talents, there is a growing circle of musicians and critics who are happy to do it on her behalf. On the strength of two major-label albums the Canadian singer-pianist — who makes her London debut next Tuesday - has emerged as the most promising vocal talent of the 1990s.

In a field where over-embellishment is de rigueur, Krall embodies the virtue of allowing songs to speak for themselves. Her philosophy is summed up in the title of her debut for the GRP label, Only Trust Clive Davis on the Canadian singer and pianist, Diana Krall

Your Heart. "I think simplicity can be the hardest thing to achieve sometimes," she explains. "I'm constantly trying to work

on that in my interpretations."

She makes it sound so easy. A funky pianist, she possesses a sensuous contralto. Admirers have likened her to Shirley Hom, Julie London and even Nina Simone. This year, following up the release of All For You, her album dedicated to the Nat King Cole Trio (released on GRP's Impulsel label), she stormed that holy of holies, the Oak Room at the Alexandria and also arrespect in a at the Algonquin, and also appeared in a Carnegie Hall tribute to Ella Fitzgerald.

In spite of her early passion for the singing and playing of Fats Waller Krall was slow to see herself as a natural singer-

pianist. She still describes herself as "a Jimmy Rowles voice, a story-telling voice". She instinctively downplays her glamorous looks, too, preferring to make jokes at her "klutzy" way of walking, and

her fear of tripping over her high heels at a recent New York concert. Today, much of the talk is about her prospects as "the female Harry Connick". Krall does see some musical parallels: "When I heard him playing on When Harry Met Sally, I thought "Danm! Here's someone my age who's doing exactly what I want to do'."

The future, she thinks, lies in develop ing her trio, which follows Nat Cole's example in jettisoning a drummer. The result is an infinitely flexible ensemble. Krall will always remain a jazz animal first and foremost, but that does not mean she is banned from admiring the songs of Joni Mitchell or Sting.

● Diana Krali appears at the Pizza Express jazz Club, 10 Dean St. London W1 (0171-139 8722) next Tuesday

Blonde having more fun

Harry from post-punk icon into a unique and compelling jazz voice continues apace. Bespectacled and considerably heavier, she is almost unrecognisable as the brash singer with Blondie of

almost 20 years ago. Her voice has grown up, too. Showing a depth and range hardly even hinted at in her former incarnation, Harry gave a commanding perfor mance at Blackheath Concert Halls fronting Jazz Passen-gers, one of jazz's more experi-mental outlits. Only a brief. deconstructed version of The Tide is High made reference to

her pop past.
Harry was confident and at ease with Roy Nathanson's avant-garde ensemble. She ang on every number as the Jazz Passengers veered excit-ingly, and sometimes wildly, between bebop, freeform, meilow acid jazz and the down-right absurd. One minute they were sharp and spiky, the next sweet and easy, often all in the space of the same number.

Harry shone particularly on a swinging One Way or Another and a moving Angel Eyes, the old torch song given a new meaning by being dedicated on International Aids Day to those who have died in the past ten years.

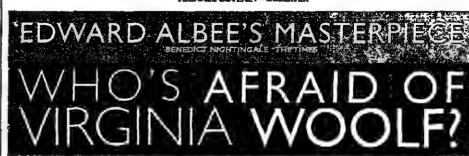
Yet it is not quite the Debbie Harry show. Nathanson is still very much in charge but his squawking saxophone is under tighter rein. There was only one ten-minute, stretched-out, free-jazz trope. For an entire evening it would have been tedious: in this context it came as welcome variation; ending in a remarkable cacophony of sax, trombone and violin, sounding like a dawn chorus on acid, before Harry, the queen songbird. rejoined them.

The rest of the set was much more structured and - not a word always associated with the Passengers — disciplined. Full marks for the discipline of the audience, too. Despite a few Blondie T-shirts in evidence, nobody was crass enough to shout for Heart of

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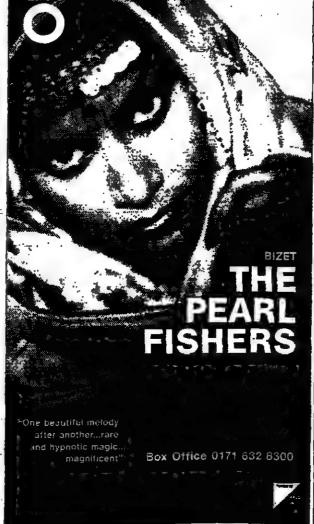
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THEATRE: Ben Travers's light-fingered farce; an early Ayckbourn rediscovered

Humour among thieves

WHEN the Savoy Theatre was devastated by fire seven years ago, one prominent victim was Griff Rhys Jones. who had been about to arrive there in Peter James's revival of Thark. But neither the actor nor the director was going to let flames, builders, restorers and Old Father Time destroy their joint devotion to Ben Travers. So here they are in another of the great farceur's 1920s successes, warming up the West End in a socially rather more acceptable way. Unlike Travers's usual

> Plunder Savoy

"Aldwych farces". Plunder does not involve marital mis-

understandings. Rhys Jones is not required to cram his squidgy bulk beneath beds or in cupboards, as would have been the case in Rookery Nook or Cuckoo in the Nest. Instead, we find his D'Arcy Tuck clambering awkwardly through an upper window, almost falling backwards off the ladder, and generally making a silly ass of himself as he carries out a Wodehousian robbery and ineptly covers up its consequences.

Tuck has come from abroad with his dimpling fiancée, Sara Crowe's Joan, thinking she has inherited a mansion and a fortune from her grandfather. But they find that Mrs Veal, the old man's obnoxious housekeeper, married him on his deathbed and nabbed the lot. They also find that one of her house guests is Kevin McNally's Malone, a former schoolchum and gentleman crook who is already planning to appropriate the former Mrs Veal's misgotten diamonds. What about a little joint

IN AYCKBOURN bibliographies this is known as the one that got away. It is a really early comedy, written in 1970. with its two-timing dining-table, and Time And Time Again; set on the boundary of a cricket pitch. Originally titled Me Times Me Times Me for reasons that become clear in the course of the play, it toured with Celia Johnson and Roland Culver but failed to find a West End theatre. Alan Ayckbourn was aiready rattling off plays at a great rate and this one just fell off the conveyor belt.

In the late 1970s the play appeared at the old Orange Tree under its present title, also an apt choice, though midway through the final scene Family Spirals would be still apter. The characterisation is not exactly pene-



What follows has snobbish aspects that would. I suppose, have seemed less blatant in 1928, when the piece first appeared. Rachel Bell's Mrs Veal is a brassy arriviste who dresses in a gaudy, vulgar mix of curtains, carpets and feathers. Her harmless son, Ramsay Gilderdale's Oswald, opts for ludicrous plus-fours and a suburban accent, and is variously called a rat, a whelk and "an awful sort of thing like a prawn". The stage is set for

Raffles, improbably aided by Bertie Wooster, to punish the class equivalents of Jonson's Mosca and Molière's Tartuffe for their social presumption. And so they do, to the accompaniment of some sav-

ing hilarity. There is a classic scene in which Rhys Jones. having somehow bumbled into the Veal boudoir, manages himself to sniff the chloroform meant to silence her. Suddenly he is slumping onto the bed beside her and

doddering around the room with jewels on his head. But he is almost as funny with the more verbal, less physical comedy in the police station. His marvellously dopey eva-sions and fatuous burbling leave even hardened coppers with vertigo.

"Rats." cries Rhys Jones. "You'd be well advised to be a little less discourteous," comes the policeman's stony reply, provoking an inevitable, "on

about Mrs Veal's girth also proliferating - "you'd have trouble getting round me", yes, I'd have to take a taxi" the humour is not exactly oversophisticated. But who exnects Travers to be Coward or Revdeau? There was, and surely still is, a place for hearty fun, too.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE This review appeared in late

hange partners

trating but serves the purpose well enough. which is to give suffi-cient flesh to three

daughters and their three menfolk for us to note some difference when each succeeding scene switches the parmering. At the start of a family gathering,

panicky Jenny, with a smile taped to her jaw, is married to patiently critical Oliver: by teatime she is with the hypochondriac David; and at midnight not married at all but involved with young James. James, anxious and needy in this scene, has previously

been the latest babyface --Family Circles picked up by power-dressed Polly, and be-Orange Tree fore that the embarrassed adjunct of jolly Deidre, with her gait like a mad sailor.

That is it, really, complicated by one of the ongoing situations, which is how to determine whether mother (Auriol Smith) is trying to kill father (Mark Kingston) by adding powdered glass to his favourite sandwiches, poison to his milky drink, or whether it is the other way round: faultily repaired electric blanket, sabotaged kitchen steps. The second situation, and a familiar

Ayckbourn concern, suggests that people always marry the wrong partner, and even if they had married somebody else it would still be wrong.

These murky waters are lightly stirred, not shaken, because the play's daring structure leaves little time for psychological nuance. Ingenuity is almost all, astonishingly so in the last scene, the morning after, when the six younger characters are attached to a different partner each time they reenter the room. The likeable performers in Sam Walters's production give the impression of enjoying every moment, and here they are in order of mention: Julie Peasgood, Philip York, John Hudson, Damien Matthews, Jenny Funnell and Emma Gregory.

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and low life, between classical, "Western" manners and African and Latin American influences, in which the players are called upon to do some unexpected things. The clarinet (Michael Collins) alternates between wild eruptions and smoothy bent notes. The percussionist, Keith Bartlett, was even more resourceful: first he produced a banjo, then mouth organs, and finally an axe. with which he laid into a log.

Original effects are heard too in ... den 24.xil.1931 (a. British premiere), which recalls events on the day of Kagel's birth: Christmas Eve. 1931. The strings play on the back of their instruments: but the pièce de résistance is the parody of a Nazi commercial, complete with tramping boots. The baritone Roland Her-mann added a brilliant vocal contribution, as uproarious as it was chilling.

The Orchestrion-Straat 10 produces the effect of the mechanical organ that imitates an entire orchestra. A perverse pursuit, one might think, but hilariously done. In an age of conformity, Kagel's masterly eccentricity shines

The changer of the avant-garde



eing inside György Ligeti's studio, in a leafy, prosper-ous part of Hamburg, is a bit like being inside the chaotic order of one of his compositions. All is cubic or quadrilateral: the large desk at the window, tables, backless seats, boxes of sketches, and piles of papers, CDs and scores, which imply a cascading confusion just held in check.

We talk about Sony's complete edition of his acknowledged works, among which only the larger pieces remain to be recorded; hence the sequence of concerts to be given by Esa-Pekka Salonen and the Philharmonia this season and next.

"I have no gift for conducting," he says, "but I can hear very well all the details, so at the recordings I'm like an audio engineer who is also the composer. And there are things that only I can judge, such as phrasing, articulation, the overall form. I am specially concerned with the large form, how you have a big arch. For instance, no recording of Atmos-phères has what Hans Rosbaud and Bruno Maderna gave it in concert performances: the sense of one object having one space and blurred

One layer of the Ligeti tradition is the Hungarian culture he brought with him from Budapest in 1956. "Of course, the language is a glue. On the other hand, it was a terrible experience when the majority of the population got along with Hitler, so l have no Hungarian nationalist feelings, only very deep connections with the language, poetry, culture. During the tirree years after the Second World War, there was an absolutely wonderful revival of culture in Budapest, but this atmosphere hasn't returned after the dismantling of Soviet control: too much time has elapsed. I have the feeling that everything's become coarse. There's no refinement."

This year Ligeti made one of his occasional visits to Budapest to attend a concert which turned out to be more a political occasion. "Afterwards there was a party, and istyan Lakatos, a writer and a very good, old friend, made a speech. We had founded an opposition circle in 1955

reality it had already been infiltrated by the secret police. I kept my distance then, so I wasn't a member of the club I founded - not for Groucho Marx's reasons, but because it was immediately under police control. Lakatos was in prison for six years, and he wrote an autobiography. And because I was in the West, he could put all the blame on me, as he was entirely right to do. So he made this speech, again pretending I had a very important role in the revolution,

which is not quite true. "If the Soviets hadn't flattened cultural life, if there had been normal democracy, I would have had a totally different evolution as a composer. There are pieces from

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1946 and 1947, such as the three Sandor Weores Songs or the two Capriccios for piano, that show a searching for a Hungarian idiom in modern music. But then came the censorship, and after that I had so many new influences in the West. So in my music there's no continuity of style. It's always cut, with scissors."

The cuts have gone on. "The real detour in the free part of my life, in the West, was the time from my opera Le Grand Macabre to my Horn Trio, because this was my Post-Modern period. It was a reaction against the orthodox avantgarde. All the time I had a very deep love for Boulez — as a person and for his work. Maybe Boulez only. Stockhausen in his early years, later not. Also, it was a reaction against the post-Nono composers, whose work with ideas of socialist Utopias. It was a kind of angry attitude against all these people going to Cuba or

music which was totally different, with a lot of traditional elements.

"But then my hatred of Post-Modern architecture, and also of a lot of neo-tonal Post-Modern music, pushed me another way - not back. but in another modernistic direc-tion, of which maybe the piano études are the clearest product.

"It comes partly from being open to all cultures. For instance, I have a very strong interest in late 14thcentury music, because it's a me-glected style of the highest complexity. I was always attracted to very complex ornament - as in Maori art, or Viking art, or Arabic decoration in Granada, or The Book of Kells — and therefore my deep interest in African music from south of the Sahara, or gamelan music. I am not interested in non-European music because it's non-European: but the fact that we had no contact with this music means that it is refreshing. The recombination of old, existing traditions can produce something completely new." Ligeti is at work on the sixteenth

of his piano etudes. Then I want to begin the big challenge: Alice in Wonderland (the work that was commissioned for the Coliseum more than a decade ago). "Over the past ten years I've made a lot of sketches, but not really musical ones. My sketches are rather key words, because to write music down takes too long. When I imagine some music, I label it with a name like when you work on a computer. you put something on an address. For me, the address might be the name of a composer — Scriabin, for instance. Not that you would hear any Scriabin influence, but because a certain harmonic association in the Tenth Sonata would remind me

of something in my imagination." What will his Alice be like? "Very, very light, and full of humour and moral. Just Lewis Carroll." And for what kind of singers? I could tell you, but it would be more gentle-Opera first."

Clocks and Clouds, Part 1, a festival of

Witness to the death of music

LISTENING to Morton Feldman's Samuel Beckett: Words and Music and Dieter Schnebel's Glossalie 94. performed in that order at one of the last events of the Huddersfield Contemporary Music Festival, was like witnessing a prophecy of the final renunciation of music. Feldman's score could scarcely be more minimal but what little there is of it - a few fragmentary scales, a sequence of chords, a little

tune — is a whole Parsifal in comparison with Schnebel's inchoate scenario.

Beckett's radio play Words and Music, which was first performed in 1961 with music by his cousin John Beckett. demands some such score as Feldman completed just before his death in 1987. Inclined though he was by then to write pieces of inordinate length punctuated by longer and longer silences — his Second

Ensemble Recherche Huddersfield

String Quartet lasts up to six - Feldman restricted himself in this case to the playwright's bleak economy. His mixed ensemble of seven instruments represents Music while an actor represents Words and a third player, Croak, goads them into some kind of reconciliation.

Given the resources of the Lawrence Batley Theatre, En-semble Recherche might have found some more illuminating stage setting for the piece than complete darkness. But the visual blank was at least true to the radio origins of Words and Music and, whatever the obscurity in the meantime, the final utterance of Words merging into melody was, as Omar Ebrahim performed it, a pecu-

liarly moving moment.

If Beckett saw some future words and music, Schnebel apparently sees no

enterprise of an unidiomatic cellist, who clearly could not resist stroking the strings with his bow and producing melodious sounds from time to time, there would have been no instrumental music in Ensemble Recherche's interpretation of Glossalie 94: the general idea was to use the instruments in any way other than that for which they were made. There was no vocal music either, except for the sounds produced by rhythmically spoken and excitably coloured phonemes, disconnected words and meaningless sentences in a variety of

languages. Ensemble Recherche presented the piece as a series of nonsense scenes which for some members of the audience were excruciatingly funwe know it, and for most of us, well, on reflection, we've heard it and seen it all before.

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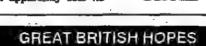
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Rising stars in the arts firmament CHARLOTTE MACLEOD

Age: 29 Profession: Director of the British Film Institute's Script Factory. What's that? The Script Fac-

tory performs readings of as yet unproduced screenplays. The last performance this year, Dark Blood by Jim Barton, takes place at the National Film Theatre on the South Bank at 7pm

Who goes to these read-ings? "It's about 50 per cent

Joe Public and 50 per cent Mr and Ms Film Industry." says

Where did she get the idea from? I horrowed it from something called Fifth Night in New York. We've had ten scripts, including ones by Christopher Hampton and Alan Scott, the writer of Don't Look Now." Thanks to the Seript Factory, seven have "gone on further", says Macleod. Background: After reading English at Manchester Univer-

sity. Macleod set up a company making television documentaries. She then moved to New York to work for the Independent Features Project, which facilitates independent What happens next? "In the long term I want to help film-

makers to meet each other and films to get off the ground."

GUY WALTERS

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With five million passengers, Stansted is set to join the high-flyers. Harvey Elliott, air correspondent, introduces a three-page report

Breaking the £100m barrier

This is the pivotal moment when the airport will cease to be a small, regional concern and will be considered grown-up enough to join the big boys.

It will attract major international long-haul airlines and have the selfconfidence to compete for the custom of international and domestic passengers of all kinds.

Two key events will give the airport in Essex that essential boost. First, it is about to make the first annual profit in its own right. emerging as a net contributor to the airport operator BAA.

And, secondly, the airport expects at any moment to be able to boast that within the past year more than five million passengers

passed through.

The astonishing recovery of Stansted has yet to grab the attention of the leading international airlines. Work began on the new airport exactly ten years ago, and than five years ago. But getting the message across, especially to foreign carriers, that Stansted is a serious competitor to Heathrow and Gatwick - even Schiphol and

Paris — is not easy.

"We are spending more than £100 million over the next decade to double our passenger numbers from the present five million level and beyond," Terry Morgan, managing director, says. "I intend to be

Love thy neighbours:

helpers, mothers and

playbus, which visits 16

neighbouring villages around the airport and

also acts as a mobile

Citizens Advice Bureau

children outside the



Terry Morgan: ambitious

around as long as possible to watch

these exciting developments. When Stansted officials try to convince airlines from, for example. America to bring their jets in and begin direct services, they are reminded immediately of the £6 million losses incurred by American Airlines after they moved there

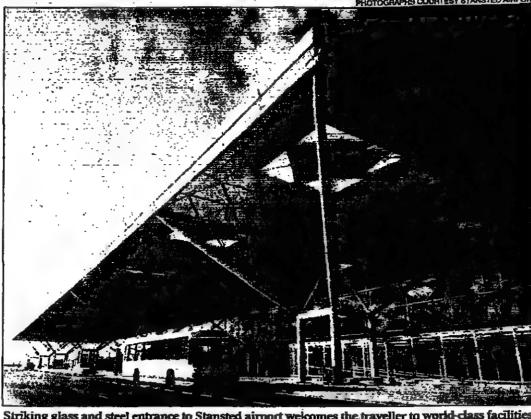
The giant US carrier started regular services from Stansted to Chicago, but although nearly all its seats were filled, there was a dearth of business class passengers prepared to pay enough to make the service viable. And exactly one year later they gave up the unequal fight and closed down the service. many other reasons for the failure of the project, but so far their while the sad song of American has been listened to, and has acted as a warning to others.

Now, however, Stansted managers are convinced they are close to making the breakthrough. In the past year 36 per cent of all passengers using the airport were travelling on business, they say, a nigher proportion than Gatwick or Manchester and second only to

There has also been such an increase in the number of shorthaul routes that the all-important transfer passenger will soon be able to fly into Stansted from big cities around the world and find a smaller aircraft waiting to take him or her on to their destination.

Stansted is also benefiting from the success of Heathrow and Gatwick. Heathrow is now virtually full throughout the day and takeoff and landing slots at Garwick are increasingly difficult to obtain at peak times. So the big international airlines may be forced to look to Stansted if they want to expand. El Al has already discovered the

benefits of operating from the airport and is now increasing its highly lucrative New York service to four times a week. If El Al can succeed so can others, say Stansted officials. Air UK, which has made the airport its base, is opening a



Striking glass and steel entrance to Stansted airport welcomes the traveller to world-class facilities

Airways will fly to Zurich on the first Air UK franchise deal, and there is a big increase in the number of inbound charter flights from Scandinavia.

They point out that Stansted is now the sixth largest airport in Britain and that the 4.7 million passengers who used it in the past 12 months represent a growth rate of 27 per cent, maintaining its position as the fastest growing irport for the past five years.

They are proud that Stansted serves 43 scheduled destinations, that 76 per cent of all passengers fly have grabbed 21 per cent of the British domestic air market and that a quarter of passengers now use the Irish routes.

Market research has shown that the most popular destination is Dublin, that 24 per cent of passengers use the train which takes 41 minutes to Liverpool Street, and that 38 per cent of passengers are what polisters call the "ABs". It shows too that 35 per cent come from London, 34 per cent from the South East and — surprisingly — only 25 per cent from East Anglia. More than 65 per cent of Stansted's passengers are men and 70 per cent of them travel alone.

But statistics alone are not enough. What really matters is the perception of passengers using the airport and almost without exception someone who has tried it once will not only return themselves, but

also tell others to try it. Typical is Sue Cohen, 38, a secretary from Ilford. "I live only ten minutes away from the Red-bridge junction of the Mil and Stansted is 40 minutes drive away," she says. "But I did not use the airport until February this year and then again in May. Now I am going again to Amsterdam. I would actually pay more to fly from

Morgan's rite of passage

Terry Morgan expects to achieve his "rite of passage" early next year when Stansted reaches the magic figure of five million passengers a year.
This is the level at which an airport joins the big boys," he says.

Mr Morgan, 39, the managing director of the airport, is also buoyed by the likelihood of Stansted moving into an operating profit in 1997 — a significant turning point for what, even he admits, was considered a "white elephant". While most attention has been focused on developments at Heathrow - where the inquiry into the Terminal 5 expansion drags on — Stansted has been quietly getting on with the job of providing an effective alternative to both Heathrow and Gatwick. "I am very encouraged by the top-level support we are getting from BAA," Mr Morgan says.

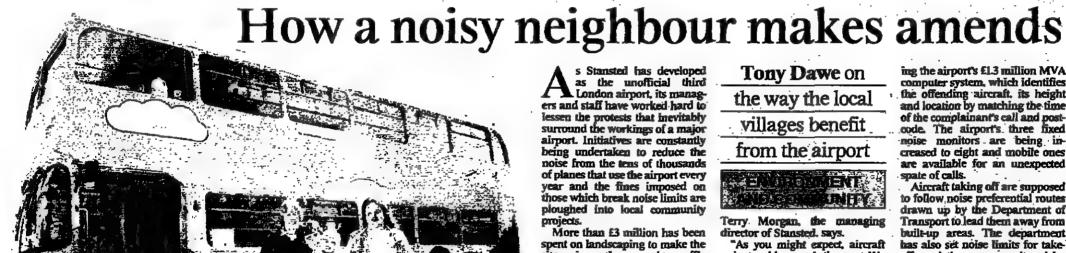
What has driven the airport's growth, he believes, has been a consistent effort to meet the needs of travellers — both on business and for pleasure - from a catch-ment area which includes the rejuvenated Docklands to the east of London. "There is no doubt that things are really buzzing in Docklands and we are getting the benefit of that," he says. But he also suggests that there is "no substitute for word-of-mouth endorsement". Mr Morgan believes that once an air traveller has used the airport, with its ease of access and relatively quick transit time through the rerminal, the ture of its bigger

London rivals wears off. "One of our main challenges is simply letting companies, and those who organise their travel arrangements, know what we have to offer in the frequency of services and destinations covered," he says. Those who think of us as a charter airport are surprised to learn we are primarily offering scheduled services for business travellers.

For most of his tenure at Stansted, Mr Morgan, re-L garded as a "high-flyer" within BAA, for whom he has worked most of his career, has been trying to keep the airport affoat and luring small niche carriers into using its top-class facilities. He has also had to cope with the disappointment of not having a major transatlantic airline based at Stansted since American Airlines

pulled out in 1993. We have had to rethink our strategy a bit," he says. "Our aim is to develop a comprehensive shorthaul network of routes feeding into Stansted to offer travellers the best connections into mainland Europe and domestically. The more interlinking we can offer, the better the likelihood of attracting a long-haul transatlantic carrier to the airport."
Meanwhile, Mr Morgan is pressing on with the expansion of Stansted, including a new domestic satellite. to cope with the increasing

number of internal flights. DAVID CHURCHILL



tite easier on the eye and to muffle the sound from runways. Airport staff run regular fundraising events to benefit local charities. Stansted is also helping to sponsor the "buffy bus" which tours to area providing play facilities for the under-fives and a respite for their parents. The bus, which is staffed by a qualified playleader, visits the villages for two hours in the morning and afternoon.

"A recent Gallop poli undertak-en for the local council shows that three out of four residents consider, on balance, that Stansted is of benefit to the area, with convenience for holidays and employ-ment prospects at the forefront,"

Stansted may not seem the most obvious gate-way to Ireland — both

North and South - but over

the past 18 months or so it has

established itself as the key London departure point for

budget travellers, David Churchill writes.

Yet even over this relatively

short span, both the routes

and the major carriers that serve them have experienced differing fortunes. Belfast's

popularity, for example, grew sharply in the wake of the

ceasefire: from one daily tur-

bo-prop aincraft leaving Stansted at lunchtime to eight jets a day and more than a quarter of a million passen-

But while the ending of the ceasefire has had some effect

on tourism numbers to Northern Ireland, a more significant

development was the demise of Air Belfast. This left its larger rival Jersey European

as the sole carrier to both Belfast City and international

airports out of Stansted.
But while competition to

Belfast has eased. Ryanair's

dominant position on the Stansted to Dublin route,

which accounts for about one

fifth of the airport's total

passengers, has been chal-

lenged this year by the Irish flag carrier Aer Lingus. Aer Lingus decided to go

back into Stansted because of

gers carried in a year.

Tony Dawe on

the way the local villages benefit

from the airport

Terry Morgan, the managing director of Stansted, says.

"As you might expect, aircraft noise troubles people the most. We recognise this and measures have been introduced to minimise noise to a level which is unavoidable."

One person who knows just how angry aircraft noise can make Catherine Whitbourn, the airport communrelations executive who runs noise unit. It receives more than 5,000 complaints a year. "I have been shouted at, sworn

at, threatened with violence and accused of some amazing things." she says. "One lady blamed me personally for stopping her horses breeding and another caller accused me of killing thousands of pounds worth of koi in his pond." Complaints are checked by us-

ing the airport's £1.3 million MVA computer system, which identifies the offending aircraft, its height and location by matching the time of the complainant's call and post-code. The airport's three fixed noise monitors are being in-creased to eight and mobile ones are available for an unexpected

spate of calls.

Aircraft taking off are supposed to follow noise preferential routes drawn up by the Department of Transport to lead them away from built-up areas. The department has also set noise limits for takeoffs and these are monitored by the airport, which surcharges offending operators between £500 and £1,000.

The fines are paid into a noise infringement fund, which is used to help local projects. Recent beneficiaries have included the First Roding Scout pack, which received funds for new camping equipment, and the people of Elsenham who received a contribution towards an extension to their village hall.

Stansted airport has also introduced measures to reduce the noise nuisance by offering discounts on landing charges for quiet aircraft and imposing premiums rates for the noisiest.

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the congestion at Heathrow. and the clear evidence of a buoyant leisure and "visiting friends and relatives" (VFR) market out of the Essex airport. In addition, according to a spokesman, Declan Conroy, a revamped business-class service aimed at the European market out of Heathrow effectively pitches Stansted as primarily a leisure and VFR

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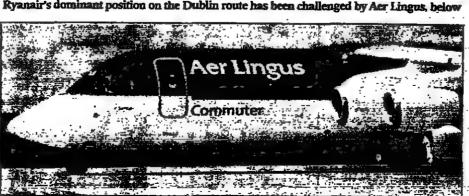
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The budget gateway to Ireland In the past year-and-a-half, the services to both

Dublin and Belfast have improved beyond recognition



Ryanair's dominant position on the Dublin route has been challenged by Aer Lingus, below



Stansted to Dublin during the week, with three flights on Saturdays and Sundays. But even with a lead-in price of 269, Aer Lingus has found it difficult to break Ryanair's strangichold on Stansted. The route did not begin as strongly as we would have liked, but progress is very steady and we expect numbers to continue to grow in 1997," Mr Conroy says.

Part of the problem is Ryanair's greater frequency with up to 14 flights a day in both directions - as well as

frills" concept means that it can still offer lead-in prices (10) below Aer Lingus at £59 return. Like all such prices. however, the cheaper the ticket the greater the restrictions and less likelihood of availability.

However, Tim Jeans, commercial director of Ryanair, says that the airline offers about 70 per cent of its capacity at the lowest fare. He also says Ryanair has an 83 per cent market share on the route; carrying more than 700,000 passengers a year. The Dublin route is the only

one out of Stansted where there is competition between any two of the 11 scheduled carriers using the airport. Industry analysts remain unconvinced that the market can bear such competition, with Air Belfast as a recent example. Dublin, however, has a special significance for Stansfed because it serves as

New York flights.
Ryanair has also become a significant carrier to Scotland with its Stansted to Glasgow

one of its strategic North

Atlantic links via Aer Lingus's

just over a year ago, with cheapest fares set at £49 in what has become a fiercely competitive battle with other

low-cost carriers operating out of Luton airport. The leading UK domestic carrier out of Stansted, however, is Air UK, which has been voted the top domestic airline for the past two years by readers of Executive Travel magazine. It serves Aberdeen, Edinburgh, Glasgow and Newcastle and recently launched a service to Inverness with an introductory fare until December 20 of E59 return. The Stansted to Inverness flight operates from Mon-day to Saturday with the return services operating from Sunday to Friday.

Air UK has also just launched an internet booking

service for flights from Stansted, enabling travellers to select flights, make reserva-tions and pay, all from their personal computer. Although the airline has had a Web site for the past year - which is accessed about 50,000 times a week but only provides information — the new facility means it can also accept reservations by credit card: Tickets are then collected from the ticket desk at Stansted.

Stansted's Manchester flights, three a day each way during the week, are operated by Manx Airlines under the British Airways Express brand, a franchise operation which means the planes fly under BA livery and with BA service standards.

 Stansted is an important airport for summer charter flights to most Mediterranean destinations, including Spain and the Balearic Islands. The airport will also be used by Unijet and Thomson Holidays next summer to fly to Florida, using the new Sanford airport rather than Orlando

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Morgan's rite of passage MANAGEMENT

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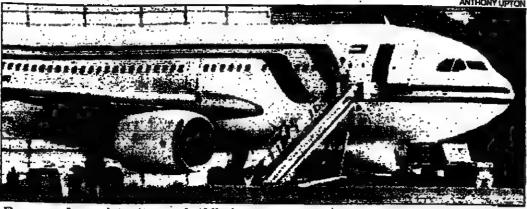
This is a hijack — quick, get me to the Stansted Hilton

HOTEL hen the 163 passengers and crew from the hi-

jacked Sudan Airways flight last August were forced to spend three extra nights at Stansted while police completed their questioning, it was perhaps fortu-nate that they could stay at the Hilton National hotel at the airport, David Churchill writes.

Alex Nicholl, general manager of the 240-room property, says: Our regular business guests tended to be away on holiday, so we were able to accommodate all the passengers and crew in the hotel. The police wanted to keep everyone together, so it was an ideal arrangement." The cost of the unexpected influx of guests was borne two thirds by the police and the rest by the airline.

The Hilton, which also has the attribute of being the largest hotel in East Anglia, is proving increas-



Drama on the runway at Stansted: a hijacker, hands held up in surrender, leaves the Sudan Airways plane watched by police and, right, the airport's Hilton hotel

conference rooms within the hotel ingly popular, not only with business and leisure travellers using have also been added. He says: "Because we are so convenient for the airport, but also as a focus for local business meetings. To meet this demand, the hotel has recently the airport, we regularly have groups of executives fly in from all over the UK and the Continent just opened five two-room suites which, Mr Nicholi says, "are ideal for a meeting with their colleagues for small meetings or informal in one of our rooms." receptions". Extra meeting and

normal business is just for one night, either to catch an early flight or after arriving late in the evening, with those staying for two or three days usually for business reasons locally.

Standard room rates from next month are £103 for a single and £115 a double, although the corpo-

rate rate comes down to about £93. The new suites cost £160 a night.
The hotel, which has triple glazing to minimise aircraft noise, also offers a restaurant and room service, along with a business centre and leisure club with pool.

gym, whirlpool bath, sauna and

steam room. Not surprisingly, the

leisure club is popular with local residents as well as overnight

Though occupancy is highest during the week, the fall-off in numbers of business travellers at weekends means that the hotel also offers attractive weekend to use it as a base to explore East Anglia. Prices start at £85 a person for two nights' accommodation. along with breakfast and dinner. and can include golf and beauty treatment options.

ne convenient alternative option to the Hilton is available about four miles from the airport at the Birchanger Green motorway service area just off junction eight on the Mil. Late last year a budget Travelodge hotel was opened by Forte, since taken over by Granada, offering rooms at a rate of £36 to £50 a night.

This 60-room lodge property --renamed Stansted Travelodge --does not seek to compete with the full services offered by the nearby Hilton but aims to provide value with a "no-frills" package. Each room can accommodate up to three adults, as well as a child under 12.

Hilton National: 01279 680800;
 Travelodge: 0800 850950.



A fleet of Fokker 100s owned by Air UK, the leading Stansted operator. The airline says that it "is firmly positioning itself as a carrier for business travellers"

uckling Airways may not be the name on most frequent flyers' minds when they think of Stansted. But since the end of October this Cambridge-based airline has taken over Air UK's Rotterdam route to provide four return flights a day to the Dutch port.

Merlin Suckling, who along with her husband owns and runs the airline, says: "We have been flying for more than ten years from Cambridge to. Amsterdam and other destinations. When Air UK decided to pull out of the route, we jumped at the chance of expanding from Stansted all its facilities.

Air UK moved its Rotterdam service to London City Airport after the success of its Amsterdam service from there, enabling Suckling to experiment with different flight times from Stansted. "We are." Mrs Suckling, says "the first flight out of London to Rotterdam, leaving at 7am and arriving at 9am Dutch

She is enthusiastic both about Stansted - believing that "most business travellers from the region must be mad

Little airline helping you to go Dutch

row - and Suckling's reputwhich she claims is based on personal service. She adds: We serve fresh food, grown locally in East Anglia.

Suckling is not the only Stansted airline to recognise the value of the airport's European connections. Ryanair, which is the market leader on the Dublin route (and also serves Cork and Knock), has its own continental plans. Tim Jeans, Ryanair's commercial director, says: "Our expansion now centres on Europe and next year we are planning to launch services from Stansted to the Continent.

Ryanair has just acquired Boeing 73/s from Lufthansa and next month is ing staff from Dublin to Stansted. Mr Jeans, however, is not saying yet which routes whether or not they will be in competition with other Stansted airlines, especially Air

Air UK, 45 per cent owned by the Dutch airline KLM, and with the balance held by British Air Transport (Holdings), is the key operator at Stansted. It operates international services from Stansted to Brussels, Jersey, Copen-hagen, Paris, Dusseldorf, Frankfurt, Hamburg, Munich. Florence, Milan, Amsterdam and Zurich. Tony Le Masurier, Air UK's

marketing and sales director, explains that Air UK "is firmly positioning itself as a carrier for business travellers, serving the business cities of Northern Europe and especially providing flights for those involved in financial services and the oil and gas industries". For that reason, the airline recently decided to scrap its services to Nice and Madrid.

The airline's strategy in wooing the business traveller is, explains Mr Le Masurier, focused on "increasing the frequency and timing of our scheduled sexvices which all the surveys show is what the business traveller really wants from short-haul European flights." Frequent flyers, he believes, do not want to pay extra for an inflight business-class service, although the recent decision by British Midland to launch a European business-class indicates the counter-argument. introduced, for example, on

flights from Stansted to Dusseldorf - from three to four times daily — and the winter schedules include extra flights to Copenhagan and Zurich during the week. Leisure travellers are not totally ignored; there are extra Saturday flights to Dusseldorf, Brussels and Frankfurt.

Mr Le Masurier also points out that Air UK will soon unveil its new business lounge at Stansted, doubling the size of its existing lounge by taking over the adjacent Servisair lounge. The airline is also working with the airport on

developing its Fast Track service, although there is usually really only a problem with getting through passport con-trol and security during summer, when charters use the

One of Air UK's strengths. Mr Le Masurier adds, is the relationship with KLM and Schiphol airport, where Air UK is the largest foreign user. It carried more than one million passengers to and from Schiphol in 1995, about half of whom connected to and from KLM flights.

T t is this "inter-linking" which is where Stansted': L short-term future as an international airport is heading, given the problems of attracting a leading airline into using the airport. At present, the only direct service New York (Newark) is via El Al, which uses its flights to and from Tel Aviv twice a week to pick up and put down

passengers between the Stansted and New York leg. The Israeli airline also provides a service to Tel Aviv on the same flight.

DAVID CHURCHILL

Streamlined way to travel to the airport

RAILLINK

s befits the rail link to Britain's fastest-growing airport, WAGN Railway last month polished its image and launched the new streamlined Stansted Skytrain, Christopher Warman writes.

All airports emphasise the speed and ease of road and rail links, and Jonathan Chatfield, brand manager for the Skytrain, says: "The new image and name-change will reposition the Stansted Skytrain, formerly the Stansted Express, as the fast, frequent and reliable rail link to

London's third airport." WAGN (West Anglia Great Northern) Railway is also adopting an "airline ap"hosts" on to its trains. The railway says its research has shown that train passengers need advice, help and improved customer care when travelling to London or departing from Stansted Air-

The hosts will give advice and information on places to visit, check-in procedures and details of flight departures, as well as carrying out a com-plete ticket check on board. The presence of a host will also offer a security presence. helping to curb vandalism.

The journey between Liver pool Street and the airport takes 41 minutes and delivers passengers to a station which is an integral part of the airport terminal.



Stansted Skytrain: a new image for the express

Must fly, I'm just off to the shops

with half its annual revenue coming from its retail business, it is hardly surprising that Stansted's management is keen to develop the range of shops within the airport, on both sides of passport control.

Ireland

David Churchill writes. While bigger competitors resemble a shopping mall more than than an airport, Stansted has in the past looked puny by compari-

son, with plenty of floor space and fewer retailers.

The problem was that for the big-name retailers to open at Stansted, the airport needed to generate sufficient numbers of travellers to justify it. But now that it is just about to reach the five million passenger mark, the "critical mass" required by household-name

netailers has been reached. This year Boots the Chemist opened a branch in the checkarea, replacing Drug Store. HMV Music also opened this

year. These newconners join W H Smith with its largest airport branch - Body Shop and Tie Rack. The Olympus sports-goods shop, renamed Sports Division after the sale of Olympus this year. has an outlet, as has Accessorize, the women's fashion-accessory shop owned by Mon-SCOTL

chocoholic's dream - a shop devoted to selling Cadbury chocolate products is also very popular and was Cadbury's first airport shop of this type. Duncan Tolson, head of

Stansted's retail services, says: "With the big names and a range of shops now operating landside, we have put together a retail offer which is attractive to people travelling through the airport as well as those just visiting. Local residents, as

well as airport staff, clearly like what we are doing." About 20 per cent of airport retail sales are made to Stansted employees living locally. Immediate plans in the arrival area of the terminal

involve relocating the car rent-

al desks to provide space for a Whistle Stop convenience store. This is aimed at arriving passengers who want to pick up essential groceries before going home.

By next summer, Mr Tolson expects another two or three shops to open landside. "We are in the fortunate position of being able to learn from the retail experiences of both Heathrow and Gatwick, especially, in persuading famous high street names to open a branch here," he says.

Tax-free sunglasses draw the customers

Once in the departure lounge most travellers head for the duty-free shop. This was refurbished last year, at a cost of £250,000, and provides a range of goods such as sales - in addition to the

spirits, tobacco and perfumes. A specialist area for cosmetic perfume counter - has been a success, so much so that perfume and associated sales now outstrip the value of spirits and other drinks sold. There is also a Bally shoe-The duty-free shop is operat-

Nuance, which acquired the duty-free operations of Allders International earlier this year. But BAA's decision to set up its own duty-free operation, called World Duty Free, means that the shop will come under BAA control next spring. There is unlikely, however, to be any significant change for the customer in the short-term, Other retailers airside are

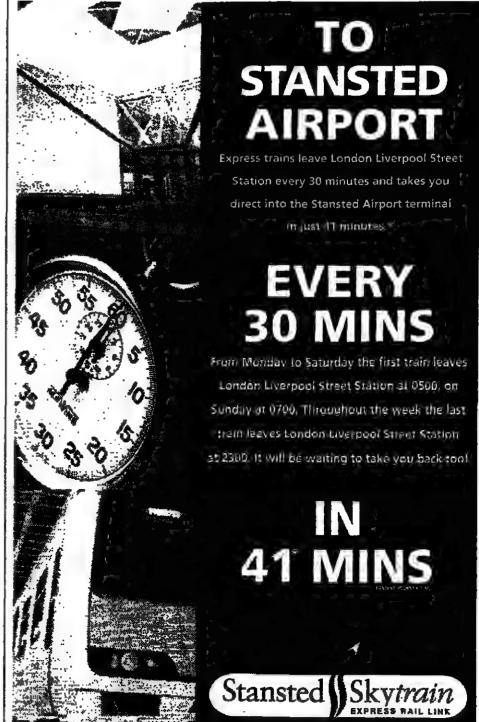
Time Travel, which has replaced the Swatch shop, Music on the Move, an Isanti leather goods shop, Sunglasses Hut, Jersey Pearls and The Chocolate Box. There

is also a W H Smith and a Tie Rack. There is another W H Smith at the international satellite, plus small duty-free outlet and a coffee shop. Catering landside

includes a Burger King outlet and a selfservice restaurant and bar, while once through passport control the Granary restaurant has been smartened up. There are also longer-term plans for a new bar or pub-style area.

All the retail shops at the airport are covered by the BAA shopping guarantee which enables customers to return goods from anywhere in the world for a full refund. Shoppers can also benefit from BAA's customerloyalty scheme, Bonus Points. This enables people to accumulate points towards either a BAA shopping voucher or earn extra "miles" from a frequent-flyer programme.

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Noah's Ark of the sky

The curse of congestion and the lack of suitable take-off slots plaguing other major airports in Europe play no part in the progress of Stansted as a key player in the lucrative game of

international air cargo. While others may put up the shutters against freighters, the Essex gateway has the welcome mat extended as it builds a global reputation for efficient cargo han-

dling. Stansted, already the third largest British airport in terms of freight tonnage throughput, is the fastest-growing cargo gateway in Britain, expanding at the rate of 30

Business has more than doubled in the past four years, from 50,000 tonnes in 1992 to 105,000 tonnes this year — plus 10,000 tormes from Royal Mail.

The postal service alone operates about ten flights a night carrying letters and packages nationwide. using a range of aircraft from light, piston-powered "puddle-jumpers" to larger Lockheed Electra trans-

At the other end of the scale, Stansted is also British base for Federal Express, the American air freight giant: TNT, the international parcel and cargo-carrier, and Britain's HeavyLift, which oper**Chris Lockwood** reveals how modern

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anything from flowers to a rhinoceros

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can be cleared much more quickly.

This, plus rapid access to the

airport's 200,000 sq ft cargo ware-

house, gives Stansted an edge over

rivals. Like the rest of the airport, the warehouse facility can be

doubled in size to meet demand -

regardless of when that decision

may be taken for passenger termi-

the airport's 2,300 acres of land

guarantees Stansted a leading role

in the future of air cargo. He also

thinks that because most freighter

aircraft today meet existing noise

limits, the airport's Ilpm-6am cur-

r Astor believes that

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ares, among other types, six Russian-built Antonov 124s, the largest commercial aircraft in the world. Stansted also handles regular freight operations for South African Airways, Air France, Luft-hansa and Martinair, from The

Netherlands. According to Tony Astor, the cargo manager, part of the attraction for carriers is Stansted's location, coupled with its six dedicated

stands for cargo aircraft up to the size of a Boeing 747.

He says: "It is possible for a load to arrive from, say, Central America, to clear customs and to be on its ways of the same of the cargo and to be on its ways of the same of way in a truck on the MII within an

The roads are as uncongested as the airport, he adds, with a flexibility of available runway slots for cargo flights which would be unthinkable at Heathrow or Gatwick, where cargo clearance can take days.

"The main difference." he says, "is that 95 per cent of freight handled at Heathrow, for example, is from passenger aircraft. At

versions of the Boeing 747, Boeing 707. DC8 and most Russian iets are prevented from operating during the night-time restriction. Stansted, 95 per cent of cargo comes from dedicated freighters. Only 5

Availability of suitable slots for freighters is another advantage, Mr Astor says. It is an increasing per cent is from the holds of attraction at Stansled as the moose Because cargo pallets from pas-senger aircraft tend to contain a of congestion tightens around other variety of mixed loads, each requir-

Stansted's freight future will continue bright for two other reasons, according to Mr Astor. First is the need for air trade

offering modern operators virtual

24-hour access; however, early

between Europe and parts of the world where shifting political situations bring those countries back into the global trading fold. With little or no room at Heathrow or its major European rivals, Stansted is in a position to benefit.

"Secondly," he says, "there is the phenomenal boom in demand for fresh produce."

A recent addition to the Stansted freight scene is MK Airline of Kenya, bringing in 40 tonnes of fresh vegetables daily. There is also a daily DC10 full of flowers flown in Central America Martinuir.

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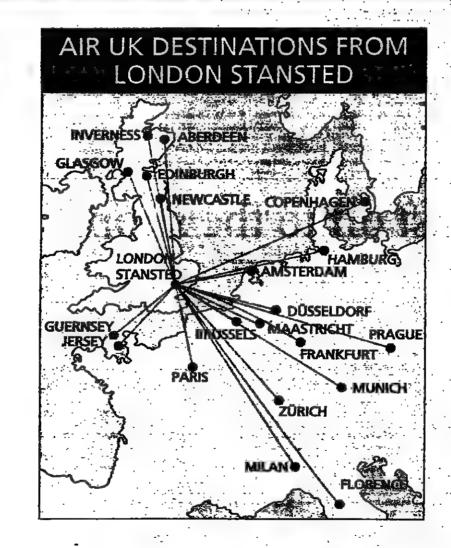
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They arrive either in their own, in corporate or chartered jets, reating from small Cessnas to Boeing 747s. This year, the number of private business flights handled by Stansted will verge on 10,000, compared with 8,600 the pre-

vious year. As their numbers have grown, so too have the three companies that handle busi-ness aviation at Stansted Be-tween them ballite Engineering Services, Metro, Business Aviation and Universal Avia tion can offer almost every service, including meals in executive rooms, crews to fly the jets and mechanics to

overhaul the engines. "There is nothing we cannot do." Graham Deans, managing director of Inflite's jet centre at Stansted, says. do all the VIP catering for Saudi royal flights, run our own restaurant with two chess on site and offer flight crews their own bedrooms with en

suite showers." The company is equipped to maintain a wide range of aircraft, from the smaller Gulfstream jets to the BAe 146. which can carry more than 100 flights. Inflite is planning a new hangar to maintain small jets and is recruiting more

engineers for next year. "The corporate market is beginning to change." Mr Deans adds. "Even wealthy people are looking to keep costs down.

"Our operation is cen-tralised at Stansted because we believe that the airport has a great future, especially as business aviation finds it increasingly difficult to obtain take off and landing slots at Heathrow.

Kari Bowles, of Universal Aviation, agrees that congestion at Heathrow has helped the growth of business aviation at Stansted. "If you have a private jet, you want it to take off when you are ready, and not when air traffic control can find you an opening," he says.
"Its proximity to London

makes Stansted a good alternative and our customers are happy to be driven down the

In addition to handling flights at Stansted, Universa also arranges routing across Europe. The company has a computer link to Eurocontrol's central flow management unit obtain slots for business flights across the Continent.

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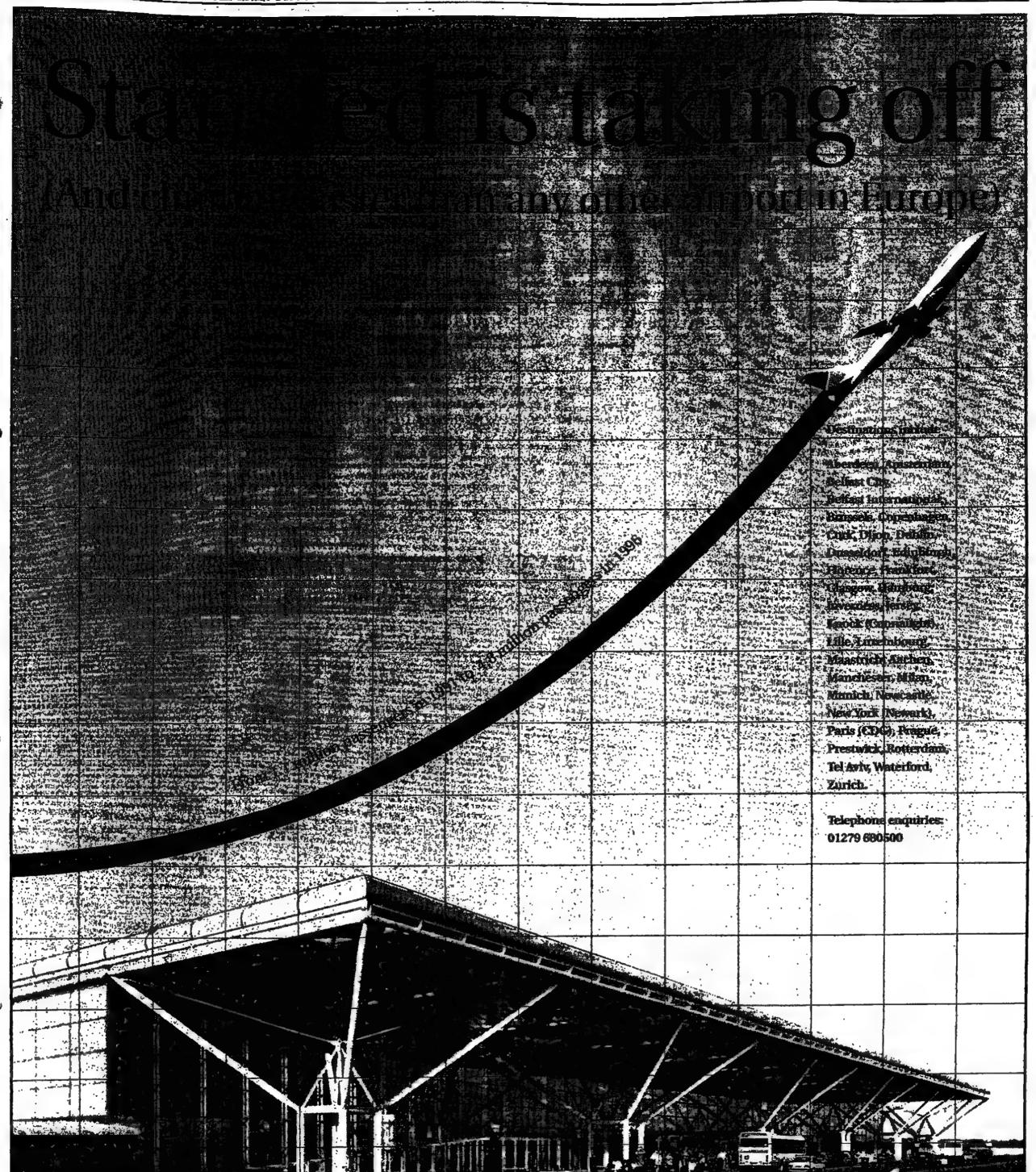
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Shaping up for the 21st Century

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For the past two decades, shorthand has not been

popular. But times are changing, Julia Lewis reports

n the Seventies it gave way to audio machines. In the Eighties it was considered out of date. In the mid-Nineties it is increasingly being seen as a valuable skill. Shorthand is making a

Most secretarial recruitment consultants agree that if an employer is faced with two equally intelligent and arricu-late job applicants, one with shorthand and one without, the one who lands the job is invariably the one with the

It is often at the higher levels that it is needed most. Amanda Maine Tucker, the recruitment consultant, says that shorthand is listed as a re-quirement for about 70 per cent of the "very top" jobs — those paying up to £30,000.

Executive secretaries or PAs at this level may need to note down quickly the gist of what the boss wants to say, before sending out a letter on his or her behalf. The secretary may need to take down detailed information or complicated messages when the boss gets in touch on the mobile phone. Scribbled longhand is not

Despite the demand, there is

Campbell, of the Grosvenor Bureau. "They can demand quite high salaries. I've got jobs coming through the door but not enough people of the right calibre to fill them," she

Most graduates, Ms Campbell finds, do not learn shorthand in the first place believing, perhaps, that it carries too much of a secretarial stigma and may limit their prospects. In fact, it seems, the reverse is true. "If you have shorthand you're cutting out half the competition and you're also working very closewith your boss, who is telling you what is going on rather than giving you a tape to type," she says. "You're developing a working relationship and are more involved

with what is happening."

Another reason for the shortage is that although college leavers may reach 80 or 100 words a minute on a secretarial course, when they start work they often do not use their shorthand. Then, a few jobs down the line, they have lost their speed.

There is a problem, too, of

a "huge scarcity" of good antitude; many young people shorthand secretaries - senior and junior - says Clare or do not want to put in the effort needed. "But how else can you take minutes of meetings, or a quick note of a telephone call?" asks Rosemary Claxton, who teaches Teeline on a French bilingual secretarial course at Brunel University College. Mrs Claxton urges her students to keep their shorthand going by using it whenever they can or

by practising with tapes.

So, is there a choice between Teeline, which is based on the alphabet, or Pitman 2000, a phonetic symbol system? Not really. Although some colleges offer Pitman 2000 as well as Teeline, many have only Teeline, simply because it is quicker to learn and there is a demand for short courses. One that swears by Pitman shorthand is the Institut Français, In South Kensington, which also runs a bilingual course. Jenny Gregory, head of secre-tarial skills, finds it more precise and faster.

Students do worry about Teeline at first because they do not see the words in context. says Polly Cannie, of Queens Mariborough, in Cambridge. "You have the skeleton of a

word and you fill in the vowels. So if you'd written 'send me the bill' you'd know with 350 words a minute. But from the consext it's not 'send

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it all depends what you are aiming for, says Jean Dorrington, of the International Phonographic Society. You really need a symbol system for verbatim reporting, but in the average office 100 words a minute is fast enough. As to which is more accurate,

it is hard to say. They are both as good as the person using them and their know-

ledge of English," she says.

Teeline may be now dominant here but, apart from America where Gregg is used, it is still Pitman shorthand, invented by Sir Isaac Pitman. in the 1830s, that is known around the world. Many other countries, such as France, Germany and Sweden, have shorthand.

ryan Coombs, who wrote several of the Pitman textbooks and helped to devel-op Pitman 2000, the version that succeeded Pitman New Era, believes that while shorthand is generally in decline around the world in terms of the number of people being taught, it is coming to be seen as an elitist skill, one much appreciated by employers. Shorthand says many things. It says not only can this person write shorthand at a given speed, but that they've proved they can learn something quite - they have stickability, discipline and an

organised mind," he says. Maybe this growing aware-ness of the value of shorthand is the reason why some managers and executives are starting to attend shorthand

A foreign touch

HOW important is short-hand to a multilingual sec-retary? At the higher levels. the answer is very.

"People with good shorthand are becoming rare animals, says Renate Reinhard, of Multilingual Services. "But if people are trained they can fairly easily convert Pitman 2000 or New Era to foreign languages, since Pitmans is phonetic I believe there are booklets you can buy, but very often people do it

"Often people learn shorthand, then it's not used for some years and when they get to the top it's required again, by which time they've forgotten it. It's hike a language — you have to keep it up. Managers might do their own drafts, but at the one-to-one level you have people directing minutes verbatim, or over the phone, or just firing instructions very fast.

"As for foreign secretar-ies working in Britain, the German ones in particular can often do shorthand in three or four languages." Alex Boyling of Lan-guage Matters; agrees. "Germans are particularly

shorthand in French, German and English. If they have the European Secretaries Association certificate we interview them automatically - their CVs look so good. The French also often also have Eng-lish shorthand. It doesn't help them to get higher wages, but might well secure them a job.

Teeline as well as Pit-man can be adapted to foreign languages; but we can never find people with really good shorthand when we need them."

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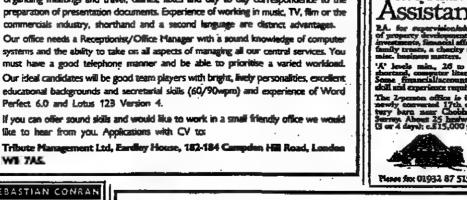
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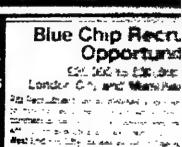
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THE professional future of Jonothan Lower, the jockey diagnosed with diabetes six months ago, will be shaped in London today when medical experts are to discuss the condition with the Jockey

Club's licensing committee.
Views formed by members of the committee will be in-strumental in determining the Jockey Club's policy on diabetics. Their conclusions are crucial to Lower, who has not ridden in a race since his condition was detected after a

schooling accident in May. Lower, 29, was advised not to reapply for his annual jockey's licence on the grounds

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he could pose a danger to himself and other riders if he blacked out during a race. The decision was prompted by the Jockey Club's chief medical adviser, Dr Michael Turner, who argued diabetics were prevented from holding an HGV drivers' licence for simi-

David Pipe, the Jockey Club's director of public affairs, said yesterday: There are so many different views among experts in this field. Some feel it is totally inappropriate and dangerous for jockeys to continue riding. Others believe it should constitute no extra risk if it is properly regulated. The committee will hear both sides of the argument before deciding, at a later date, what course of

action to take." Dr Turner, who organised the seminar, is among eight experts on the panel. He is joined by Dr Walter Halley. the Irish Turf Club's medical officer, whose opinions --

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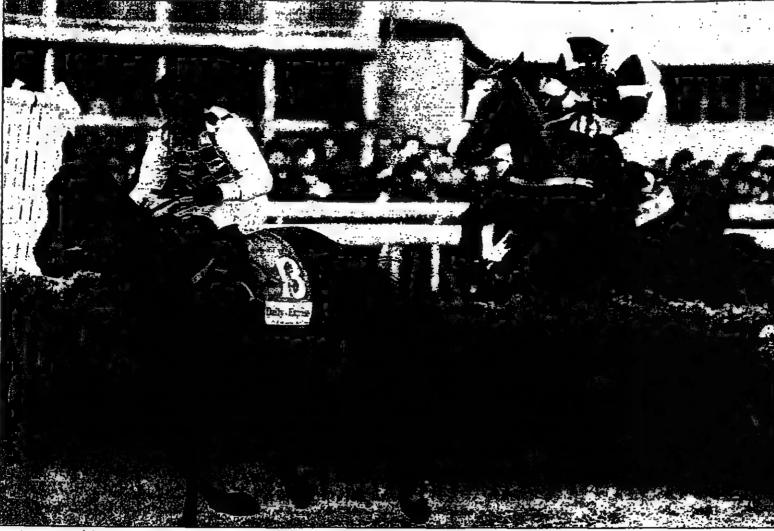
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2.00 SAIL HER HANDICAP HURDLE

(Qualifier: £2,301; 2m 4f 110yd) (9 nunners)



A reminder of happier times for Lower as he partners the Pipe-trained Kissair to win the 1995 Triumph Hurdle at the Cheltenham Festival

together with those of Dr Welby Henry, of Belfast City Hospital — are broadly similar to Dr Turner's. The two Irish medics were involved in the identical plight of Pat McWilliams, the Irish jockey who successfully appealed against the Turf Club's decision to revoke his licence after he, too, was diagnosed a

diabetic. Initially, Lower was astonished to learn of his condition. "But it was an even bigger shock when Dr Turner said I

couldn't ride anymore," he said. "It was sickening because riding is my whole life. When I found out about it I went straight to a specialist to ask how it would affect my job. He told me he couldn't see any problem."

The jockey has been attached to Martin Pipe's stable since he left school 13 years ago. His frustration has reached fever pitch as Pipetrained horses have carried all before them this season. His enforced inactivity has coin-

2.30 GRENVILLE CHADWICK RETIREMENT HOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (23,480: 3m 110yd) (9)

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3.30 MENE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (\$2,406; 2m 4f 110yd) (9)

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3.00 THAMES HANDICAP CHASE

cided with the departure of Pipe's stable jockey, David Bridgwater, Lower would almost certainly have deputised in Bridgwater's absence.

However, Dr Turner's decision to broaden the dehate offers Lower encouragement. "I have spoken to Pat McWilliams and he is riding with no problems at all in Ireland," he said. "The blood tests I took last week were all good and my doctors will be supporting me when I reapply for my licence shortly. I'm

riding out six or seven lots a day, doing all the work at home and then watching others do the winning at the races. I have missed it more than I could ever imagine."

Requisite changes to Lower's diet has seen his weight rise but he insists shedding the extra poundage will not be difficult. However, it is this aspect of a jockey's life that concerns some roedies concern. They believe the exhausting combination of constant dieting and hours of road

travel make it more difficult to regulate the condition.

Significantly, perhaps, the Injured Jockeys' Fund is prepared to support Lower's application for a licence. The charity would hardly endorse such a request if it sensed any danger to another subscriber of its cause. Meanwhile, Lower can only wait on the licensing committee's findings to discover whether he can return to work.

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(Handicap chase £3,261: 3m 11 110yd) (11 runners)

3.20 STREETLAN MATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (52,595: 2m 3f) (12)

11-4 B The Oce, 3-1 Fazzhs Hand. 4-1 Saser May. 6-1 Harpachell. 7-1 Prinnine Healt, 8-1 Lages Brage, 10-1 Foot From Home, 14-1 others.

THREE MEETINGS

Newcastle

1.00 Em hdile) 1, Alabang (P Niver, 10-11 fav); 2, Pentiumd Square (14-1); 3, Cattiens (20-1), 16 rar. 6; 2f. M Carnacho, Total-1-50; 16.0, 52-10, 54-50. DF- £12.00. Time: £43.00. CSF: £15.60; 1.00.

27.35
2.00 (2m 4f hole) 1, Beggers Berrouet (B. Gratian, 9-2); 2, Inn Ar The Top (8-2); 3, Antoretic Ward (9-1). Clavering 7-2 fair just 19 zen. NR. Leap in The Oart. Nr. 28. P. Beaumoni Tota 25.20; 23.00, 22.30, 21.90. DF: 213.70 The 18.70 CSF: 223.80. 23.05 hald; 1, Sachicas (G. Cahil, 6-5 halt; 2, Leaching Prespect (25-1); 3, Act The Wing (100-30); 3 cm 144, 61 him M. Reveley, Totar 22.00; 21.90, 217.00 DF \$15.30 CSF. 218.02.

Newton Abbot

Going: heavy 12:50 (2m 11 hole) 1, Shift Again (Sophie Mitchell, 2-1); 2, Top Shoes (9-2), 1, Royal Standard (6-6 ten) 6 ran 1-11, 101, 0 Sherwood, Tole: \$2.70; \$2.50, \$4.20 CF 55.70, CSF: \$10.70 98.70. CSF; £10.70. cb) 1, Poucher (S Wyme, 7-2) 2, Well Timed (9-2); 3, Colean's Choice (25-1) Amber Spark 11-8 by (f) 7 csr. 13, 14. T Forster, Tota: \$0.400, \$2.10, \$2.70. OF £7.20. CSF, £18.90.

2.50 Gm 21 ch 1 1. Bosmbletal Buck (A P McCoy, 3-1); 2. These Sants (4-1); 3. A N C Express (6-2 fay), 3 ren. 161, 6 P Nicholts Tota. 23.50; 27.50, 21.50, 21.20, DF 27.30 Text. 93.60, GSP 27.51. Treast, 231.27.

Placaput: £25.40, Quadpot: £4.50. Southwell

12.10 (1m) 1, Throe Weeks (Dane O'Neil, B-1), 2 Angal Face (4-1), 3, Domno Flyer (3-1 sev) 4 Scansons (6-1), 16 ran Ms, 4t W felt Yote E11.20; E220, 21.20, £1.30, £1.30, DF £42.00, Thor £73.50 C6F-£43.88 Throatt £121.09 \$13.88 Treast \$121.06

12.40 (Sf) 1 Dominent Air (6 Dutlield, 7-1);
2 Threeptey (12-1); 3, The Wyandote Into-Tig-fay) Encherting Eve 5-1 #-fav, 15 fon 2; ind M Prescott Tole \$9.90; \$2.90, \$2.90, \$2.90, \$1.10 DF; \$2.40.40 Into \$139.50. CSF-\$26.60 Into \$139.50 CSF-\$26.60 Into \$1, Pharty Denote Pulses Dens Jones 2-1 fau; 2, El Neto (9-1); 3, Code Red (13-2); 15 rat, \$1, 10 W Height Total \$2.30; \$1.70, \$22.80, \$23.90 OF; \$12.90 Tho \$29.70 CSF-\$22.48 1.40 (6) 1, Jibersen (D Hotand, 12-11, 2, Phrtude Bern (13-2); 3, Monts (16-1) Disco Boy 9-2 tav 13 tan. Nk. 4l P Howard, Tole: \$12.38; £4 (0, £280, £4.30 DF £29.30. This £182.70 CSF £86.38 Tricest £1,210 96.

2.10 (Int) 1, Running Green (Corrent Mortes: 12-1), 2 Ya Morinshe (8-1), 3, Desert Zene (8-1 my), 4, Ebbry Boy Boy (8-1), 3, Desert 24, 351, D Moritat, Tote, 214-50, 52-10, 51-80, T, 90, 52-80, DF ESY-90 Tho-SBR.10 CSF-5112.08, Tricast 2271-97. 240 (im) 1. Head Girl (D McKegown, 19-2), 2. Roval Routette (10-1); 3. Happensta (9-1) Sar Ermy 6-4 ter 11 ran. 1 M.I. 16 C Thorston, Tote: 35-10, 22 00, 52-30, 52-30 DF 582 40 Trio 5192-20 CSF: 871-87 3.10 (5m 3) 1, Marthu (6 Duffield, 7-1); 2, Adjunton (100-30 in/) 2 Indrason (11-2), 4, Resoyot (7-1), 16 ran 151, 151 W Beey, Tour 57 (6 F 190, 23 of, 51 10, £1.90, 67 (5 F 180, £1.90

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12.40 EARTHAM JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE

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.40 NORFOLK CHALLENGE CUP HOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£3,125: 2m 2f) (10 runners)

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BETTING: 2-1 Dute Of Aprolon, 3-1 Willie Malein, 9-2 Dress Dunce, 7-1 Beld Acm, 8-1 Pinoccio, 12-1 Jackson: Bay, 14-1 miles.

FORM FOCUS WILLE MAKET 131 3rd of 6 to Fichs in a learnicap chase all Lodiow (2m. good to 5km) DRESS DAMCE 3ta 4th of 9 to 0r Royal in a novice chase at Cheptone (2m. 11044, good to soft) BOLD ACRE 181 5th of 7 to Legal Artesi in a novice chase at Latflow (2m. 4t, pood to from) DUICE OF APPOUCH 61 4th of 11 to Woodback Bay in a leaching chase at Ptempton (2m. 5t, good to soft) PROCCIO 25 5th of 11 to Marroy's Creater in a maltien classe at Plumpion (2m 51, good to soft). HDDEN PLESSURE 1N 3nd of 8 to Prince's 6st in a molecular open at Hackwood Park (8mm), RENTAVRUS WAY 1A 4m of 13 to Prince's Rectus as a softing bending handle of Foundal (2m 51, good to farm).

Selection: CRESS DAMCE (sup)

2.10 A A II LANDSCAPES HANDICAP HURDLE

Long hazalicage Rashin 9-2.
BETTING: 7-4 Supreme Lady 4-1 loos M Gald, 9-2 Swaggler's Point, Tichesty's Gdt, 7-1 Locky Citie, 8-1 Bon Voyage, 18-1 adves.

FORM FOCUS

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SUPPEME LADY 864 and of 8 to interregge in a services handleap hundle at Ascot (2m 110yd, good). 840 N 900.0 best Service to soft). SMURGLER'S PORT 38 4 He of 7 to Moment of Gluy in a transleap hundle at Festivalf (2m 6f 189yd, good in soft). LUCKY EDDIE heat

2.40 SIDLESHAM CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE

(\$2,280: 2m 6f 110yd) (8 runners)

BETTING: 6-4 Casso's Boy, 5-2 Missiler, 9-2 During Yong, 5-1 Flying Fliddler, 18-1 Regar's Pal, 14-1 Paylord 16-7 others: FORM FOCUS

RIVING PROBLER 251 4th of 11 to Chareseon in a traden hundle have (2m 21 110yd, good to solls, MRRADOR 81 2md of 8 no Sher's Delight in a newces' baselicap hundle at Faberham (2m 71 110yd, good). DARBHIS KING baled off 4th of 6 in 9 to Victor Brow in a handisap hundle over course and distance (good). Salientaine: #1,7486 PLANER

3.10 MUNDHAM NOVICES CHASE (£3,080, 3m 2f 110yd) (8 runners)

BETTING: 6-4 Keep & Zoped, 5-C Fixing Case, 3-1 Pachimoy, 6-1 Gey Gasten, 16-1 Aprilia Hith, 20-1 Little Rouley, 33-1 others

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KEEP IT ZEPPED best GREY GORDON (1176 better off) of in a 9-numer novice chace over coards and distance (good) PLAKED DATS best Alpine Song off or a 13-remor rated open at Stationage Thomas (good) to self.

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3.40 EARTHAM JUVEMLE NOVICES BURDLE (Div II: 3-Y-0: £2,343. 2m 2f 110yd) (10 runners)

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CLASSY CHEF 40F (A. Sunges) J. White 10-12	T. J. Burgby
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3/1 RAPID VIENNA 12/5 DRAW MAN: UTD. 8/11

Gerhard Hanappi, Kick-off 7.30pm, Live on ITV. CORRECT SCORE 8/1 RAPID VIENNA 1-0 | 5/1 MAN. UTD. 1-0. 16/1 RAPID VIENNA 2-0 13/2 MAN. UTD. 2-0.

6/1 DRAW 0-0 7/1 MAN. UTD. 2-1 1-1 12/1 MANL UTD. 3-1 Other scores on request. FIRST GOALSCORER

5/1 SOLSKJAER (M) 10/1 GIGGS (M) 11/2 CANTONA (M) 7/1 STUMPF (R) 11/1 CRUYFF (M) 8/1 LESIAK (R) 12/1 BECKHAM (M) Own goals do not count. Other players on request. LATEST CODS ON WINDOW HIS TV TEXT-Mirror on C44 P901/602/603

Dwyer surgery MARK DWYER was recover-

ing yesterday from surgery at the Borders General Hospital in Melrose after breaking his left arm in a fall at Kelso on Monday. His wife, Jane, said: They have inserted a plate and wired the arm up. He will stay in hospital for two days."

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Going: good to solt 12:30 (2m hole) 1, Kerno Sabo (D Parker, 7-2):2, Autum Boy (13-2), 3 Berton Heights (4-1) Miss Greenyerds 7-4 fav. 8 ren. 8, 2). C Parker Tote: 23 10, 21.10, 21.80, 24 10. OF 228 00. GSP: 224.75. Tricost 286.51.

1.30 (an 110)d ctt) 1, Political Towar (A Dobbin, 8-4 fee), 2, Tenbucktoo (A-1), 3, Regal Romper (3-1), 5 rsn. Nk, 7l. R Nison Tole, £2.10; £3.10, £2.70 DF: £4.50, CBF

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3.00 (Sm chi 1, Majorny Major (A S Smith, 14-1); 2. Staurnell (S-2); 3. Poyel Suprae (14-1) Nid Due S-2 lov (D. 11 rm. 154, 141. P. Cheesbrough, Tote C-29 46; 22.90, 22.10, 23.80 DF 059 90. Too 243.80 CSF, 273.74 2.30 (2m) 1, Mr Lungak (P Nivon, 5-2 im/; 2, Cherry Dec (10-1); 3, Baly Buckslen (16-1), 24 en. 8, 16. Mrs M Reveley, Tole: 24.30, 23.00, 23.00, 29.60, DF., 298.40, Tree: 2259.80, CGF: 234.48 1239.80, CSF: 1294 48 Jacopor 25x.090.80 (D.6 winning lickes. Pool of 213,672.28 cturied forward to Camerick today). Placepor 2104.90. Oundpor 227.60.

1.50 (2m 11 hdie) 1, Stormy Passage (A Maguire, 11-10 fev, Flichard Evans's nap; 2, Hello Me Men (4-1); 3, Defend/ressam (33-1), 9 ren. 17, 5, P Hobbs. (cer. 51.70; 51.10, 51.80, 57.70; DF 53.70; Tno 533.61 CSF 55.82 CSP 15.52.
2.20 (2m 110yd ch) 1, The Lancar (D Ford 5-1); 2, Haweign Youth (5-2 tayl): 3, Fernach (14-1) 8 ran. 19, 3 lb D Gandado Toce 5.00; 11 90, 61 20, 22.50 OP; 512.20. CSP £16.06 Tricast-£186.12

3.20 (2m 61 hole) 1, Sait By The Stars (7) Gallagher, 4-5 tay; 2, Runeway Pete (8-1); 3, Amblesone (5-2) 5 nm. Dist 20, T Forster. Tota: £1 70; £1:30, £4 10 DF: £3.80 CSF: £5 95.

George Inform 11.40 (60) 1, Mr Fronty IS Sendors, 14-1), 2. Botol Aristocrat (4-1); 3. Purm First (8-1), Lego Crother 11-8 the 13 ran 187 Sup Ma. 11/L 3-L W Janvis, Tote, £11.60, £3.80,£1.00.

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FOOTBALL

United must strive to avoid fatal distraction

FROM ROB HUGHES, FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

THE hour of Manchester United's true test in Europe comes in the crisp cold of the Ernst Happel Stadium in Vienna torught. They have no option but to go for a win against Rapid Vienna, a team unbeaten in European games at home for 15 matches.

More than that, United's fate depends on the integrity of Juventus, who play the Turkish champions, Fenerbahçe, in Turin at the same hour. Juventus have the balance, power and class to beat Fenerbahçe comfortably. However, the Italians are already winners of the group, have other priorities - such as an away game against Sampdoria in Genoa on Sunday - and have no fewer than seven players on a yellow card. This means that those players, even if they are selected, will be under orders not to be booked again and lose their place in the likely quar-ter-final to come against AC Milan, a pairing that has unprecedented financial and competitive connotations in

Therefore, whatever is said and whatever is prepared by Alex Ferguson, the United manager, it is more important to remember what Marcello Lippi said at Old Trafford last month when Juventus did so much damage to United's aspirations. La Juventus will play in the usual manner," Lippi said. "Juventus always tries to win the game, we never try to calculate." That credo is vital to United for the simple fact is that, even if they win in Vienna, should Fenerbahce also triumph, then the Turks

will go through.
The United players cannot afford divided attentions. "We won't be going out to play a patient game," Gary Neville, the defender, said. "We'll go for their throats early on. This has to be our game.

It was that way for half an charge, inspired by David Beckham, overran Rapid at Old Trafford in September. Beckham scored one of the goals, Olé Gunnar Solskjaer the other - and he added to Neville's boast: "We must win, because I can see Juventus and Fenerbahçe drawing. Rapid are a good side, but I think we are better. They have something to prove to their supporters and will also go into the match with one thing in mind — to win. It would be the biggest match of my career, if I play."

He has to play. United are short of an imposing centre forward and, while Eric

Cantona struggles with diffi-dent form, they are short of a front-line finisher. Paul Scholes did not make the flight to Vienna yesterday, suffering both from a thigh injury and a touch of flu. We know the probable Rap-

id line-up; it is the same as was available at Old Trafford. except that Lesiak, the left back, is suspended and Ratajczyk, his Polish compatriot, replaces him. We know that Rapid will be fresher than United, having started their Austrian winter break two

The game will answer whether the players feel quite so embarrassed as Ernst Dokupil, the coach, over the surrender at Old Trafford. Dokupil has an eye on the £250,000 bonus for victory and is keen to emphasise that not even Juventus - "and they are a better team than United - could win in Vienna, where the contest ended 1-1.

Supposing that Cantona fails once more to be United's inspiration on a European playground, the mantle switches to Ryan Giggs, whose movement with the ball has begun to recapture the thrilling essence of five years ago, when he was sprung on the English league. Next to him, Roy Keane, his surging power given full license, will be a vital component. Thankfully, Gary Pallister,

who begins to sound like the captain even though Cantona has the armband, is over his back problems and his recent knee injury and said: "It doesn't matter who doubts us. We still have great belief in

Finally, it is important that the referee, Leif Sundell a Swedish civil servant, keeps his nerve. He had two matches at the European championship during the summer. At Villa Park, he myopically allowed John Collins, of Scotland, to handle on the line without punishment against Holland. He also stood idly by at Old Trafford when Slaven Bilic, of Croatia, kicked the fallen Christian Ziege, of

Germany, in the quarter-final. Hoping that Juventus play the game in Italy, trusting that United's instincts are forceful but controlled in Vienna, it is a night above all for delivery. As Pallister said last May: "We can't go on being European unfortunates."

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RAPID VIENNA (probable, 3-5-2) M

Korsel — P Schottel, T Iwanov, P Gugg, —
C Prosent A Herat, D Kuhtauer, T Zingler
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MANCHESTER UNITED (probable, 4-4-11) P Schraschel — G Reviee, D May, G

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Butt R Giggs — E Cantona, — O G

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Sacchi, left, the new AC Milan coach, was made to feel welcome by Weah during training yesterday

Devilment can sustain Rangers

FROM KEVIN McCARRA IN AUXERRE

RANGERS had hoped to engineer a place in the quarterfinals of the European Cup. but now their only surviving ambition is to throw a spanner in the works. A victory for the Scots in the Abbé Deschamps stadium could prevent Auxerre from reaching the last eight and since Rangers are already sure to finish last in group A of the Champions' eague, it will have to be simple devilment that drives them on this evening. However much it is reviled.

failure does have its benefits and the team should be able to operate in a relaxed manner. Rangers may also be curious to discover whether a potent paradox will come to their aid once more. Last month, while without its best players, Brian Laudrup and Paul Gascoigne, the club won its first Champi-

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ons League' fixture of the season, defeating Grasshopper Zurich 2-1 at Ibrox. The two men, through inju-

ry and suspension respectiveare absent again tonight. Only a contorted mind would conclude that Rangers are stronger without them, but it did seem, against Grasshop-per, that the responsibility normally shouldered by Laudrup and Gascoigne was evenly distributed throughout the side. Footballers accustomed to a subordinate role realised that they too are rpposed to influence games.

It is an insight that must be kept in mind if Rangers are ever to have happier seasons in Europe. Previously, in the decisive matches of the group, adversaries had found that stopping Laudrup and Gascoigne was sufficient to bringing Walter Smith's entire side to a standstill. While it is healthy to sample

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life without that pair's great talents, the virtues of selfdenial can be taken too far. In disconcerting. addition to Jorg Albertz, Rangers will also miss the centre

back, Joachim Bjorklund, to-

night and their defence is

bound to be seriously im-

paired if Richard Gough too

Since the captain leaves the

club in the summer, this

would be Gough's final ap-

pearance in Europe for the

Scottish champions. Shun-

ning melancholy and nostal-

gia. though, he saw only a

practical purpose in the meet-

ing with Auxerre. "This is a very busy period for us at home." Gough said, "and so-far we have been doing well. It

would not be smart to let our

form drop. I want to see the

The Auxerre squad lacks the suspended West, as well as

Charbonnier, Henna, Zelic, Denlaud, Lamouchi, the cap-

tain, and Diomede, who are

injured. The fitness of Saib is

also causing concern. For all

the experience of Guy Roux,

who has managed the club

maintained."

fails to recover from injury.

be when only a draw is needed? Auxerre can even afford to lose as long as Ajax too are beaten in their match against Grasshopper in Zurich.

win. He should not worry unduly. The Scottish champions are generous employers. but even their largesse has its

☐ Kilmarnock, the Scottish premier division strugglers. dismissed their manager, Alex Totten, yesterday, while Ronnie Hamilton, a successful businessman in the town and former Kilmarnock striker, up to

since 1961. Auxerre may still find their circumstances

How aggressive should they

Roux mused yesterday that Rangers might attempt to galvanise their own players by offering to let them keep the entire £500.000 awarded for a

ALDERYCE (probable): F Cod — F Danyou, F Silvastre, F Rabartsony, A Goors — A Siblersti, P Violesu, B Nivet — L Lestandes. S Meriot, S Layeul, — RANGERS (probable): A Gorart — C Moore, R Gough, G Petric — G Shielde. C

49ers retain Sacchi form for positive clash with greeting **Panthers** at Milan

GEORGE WEAH, the AC STEVE YOUNG ran for two scores and threw for another Milan striker, gave Arrigo while Terry Kirby had the first Sacchi, the club's new coach, a 100-yard rushing effort for San Francisco in two years as vote of confidence yesterday, but made it clear he is still the 49ers beat Atlanta Falcons bitter about missing the 34-10 in the National Football European Cup Champious League. For Young, who com-League fixture against pleted 23 of 30 passes for 255 Rosenborg today... yards, it was especially re-Weah is serving a provisionwarding emphasising his good form since returning al one-match ban after butting Jorge Costa, of FC Porto, from a concussion nine days after the match in Portugal last month. Weah claims Cos-

ta subjected him to racial abuse. Uefa, football's Eurogame this way; it comes off the passing game," Young, who pean governing body, may yet extend the ban. had touchdown runs of 26 Secchi, who resigned as the haly coach and took charge of yards and five yards in the second quarter, said. "I got hit twice in three weeks. I'm fine Milan last weekend, conductnow. I know I have to avoid ed his first training session yesterday. Weah, who criti-cised the lack of team spirit at the big hit." San Francisco, with ten victories in 13 games, kept pace with Green Bay Packers the club last week, said: "It

was very enjoyable, everyone was very happy and we all worked together." for the best record in the National Conference and are one game ahead of Carolina As for their tie with Rosenborg, in which Milan must avoid defeat to reach the Panthers, who visit San Francisco next week in a match that quarter-finals, Weah said: "For me, it's sad that I'm not should determine the Western division title. "I think we're playing betplaying because, with the ter; getting in our stride again." Young said. There's present situation in the team, I think we all need to be still some frustration in the

together, but I'm still confident and I know that Milan red zone." Kirby became the first 49er are going to do everything to win this game. The most important thing is winning to rush for 100 yards since Ricky Watters rushed for 105 yards against New Orleans Saints two years ago, Kirby also caught a touchdown pass in the third quarter. Jerry Rice had eight catches this match." Weah was philosophical about Oscar Tabarez's deci-

sion to resign as coach on Sunday evening after a run of poor results. "It was a surfor 78 yards, all in the first prise," the Liberian said, "but life goes on." Sheffield Wednesday's hopes half, as the 49ers racked up 342 yards of offence while establishing a 25-3 lead. of having the ban imposed on

"I'm very disappointed at how we played. We played awful on offence, about as bad as I've been around." June Jones, the Falcons coach, said. When we had guys open, we couldn't hit them; when we had the ball there, they couldn't catch them. We did everything that made us look bad, they kicked our butts with their defence. Everybody seemed ready to play, we just flat didn't get it done."

"You got to still keep fighting, it's all about manhood right now," Terance Mathis, the Falcons wide receiver, said. "I'm embarrassed, we're all embarrassed. All we can do is come back Wednesday, get together and try it again."

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Diagram of final position

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SHEEHAN on BRIDGE BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

John Collings has represented England in each of the last five decades. I first encountered him in the English trials in 1964; he was declarer against Senior and me on this hand in the 1996

North-South game

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South's double of One Spade declarer ruffs, and now declar-

s somewhat old-fashioned, as befits a five-decade man. Most tournament players nowadays would overcall Two Clubs. Five Clubs is an excellent confract.

After winning the first spade with the jack I returned club. Collings won in dummy, ruffed a spade, and drew the last trump. Then came ace of hearts, heart ruff, spade ruff and another heart ruff. He now had to decide how to play the diamonds.

At this point it was clear East had started with AKJI0xand♥?Oxx.The problem was, who held the king of diamonds? Collings led a low diamond from dummy and put in the ten. After wirming the jack Senior (West) correctly returned a diamond. If he returns a heart, my king of hearts appears as er knows for sure that West has the king of diamonds — without it West does not have enough to raise One Spade to Two Spades. As East's shape is known to be 5-4-2-2, declarer's only chance is to "pin" the nine of diamonds by leading the queen.

Collings's nose did not betray him after the diamond return -- he ducked in dummy and scored the queen in hand for his eleventh trick. Disappointing for him in a way, as he announced he was about to make the "pin" play. John's chutzpah is still in-tuct. He went for 800 on

another hand against us, and explained to his partner, "I made one of your bids." C Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

By Philip Howard

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SUINE a. Pig's butter b. Egyptian wheat c. A Brussels lace stitch

a. Spick and span b. To decorate with spangles

c. Immediately

SWALLET a. To swallow b. A purse c. An underground stream

SOLIDUS a. A stupid man b. A navigator's globe c. A gold coin

Answers on page 46



44 b3

45 h4

48 Rd3

Rd7+

BY RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Regi Blinker by Flfa lifted in

time for the Dutch winger to

face Liverpool at Anfield on

Saturday are fading fast. It was

thought that the game's world governing body would make a ruling on Blinker's suspension

on Friday, with Wednesday confident that it would be

quashed, but it may now be

The ban was imposed after

claims by Udinese, the Italian

club, that Blinker had already

signed an agreement to play for them when he joined Wednes-day from Feyenoord last

March Keith Cooper, a Fifa

spokesman, said yesterday:

The suspension has to

elayed to next week.

Last-minute win Jan Timman wrapped up the Dutch Championship by win-

ning the fourth game of his match against Ivan Sokolov with the black pieces. Winning the championship marks a welcome return to form by Timman and will doubtless have been a great crowd pleaser in Amsterdam. White: Ivan Sokolov

Black: Jan Timman **Dutch Championship** Holland, November 1996 Semi-Slav Defence

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In the final position White is a

piece down and must ultimately lose. Times book

The Times Winning Moves 2

contains 240 chess puzzies from international grand-master Raymond Keene's daily column in *The Times*, and is available now from bookshops or from B. T. Batsford Ltd (tel: 01976 321276 at 56.99 plus postage and packing). ☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Priday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

White to play. This position is from

By Raymond Keene

Rid8

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R2d7

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white to play. This position is from the game Alekhane — Alexander, Notingham 1936. Not all tactics are immediately decisive. Here, for example, Alekhane found, a clerke idea which regained his sacrificed pawn and seriously weakened the black kingside. What did he plays.



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CRICKET

Warne's magic spells the end

From Alan Lee, cricket correspondent, in sydney

for West Indies

SYDNEY (final day of five):

Australia beat West Indies by up to nine here — still not quite

THERE was a time yesterday when it seemed Australia would win this second Test match before lunch, another time when it seemed they might not win it at all. They settled on 20 minutes before tea as West Indies, reflecting the most persistent of their many problems, lost their last seven wickets for 63 and were beaten by a margin one run higher than a week ago in

It was the interlude between collapses that made the day. Shivnarine Chanderpaul, who is more readily identified for his patience and defensive technique, counter-attacked so vividly from the abyss of 35 for three that Shane Warne was hit out of the attack as Chanderpaul put on 117 in 23 overs with Carl Hooper.

After 30 minutes of the day, an Australian bookmaker had. been complacently offering 250-1 against a West Indies win. An hour later, the price had been revised to 8-1. Yet there was no evident panic among the Australians. Doubtless, they were confident that Warne would recover his bruised pride and restore order with a spot of

He did precisely that with the penultimate ball of the morning, which spat out of the rough to hit the left-handed Chanderpaul's leg stump. The batsman looked dumbfounded, as well he might, but from then on the game had a short course to run.

That ball made the difference in the game," Mark Taylor, the Australia captain. said. "It turned three feet. When you see him do that, you know Warney is back. I rated seven out of ten in

WEST WORES: First annings 304 (S L Campbell 77; G D McGreth 4 for 82).

Second Innings

at his best, but with the shape and spin back."

There were times, bowling at the West Indies lower order, when Warne looked unplayable, beating the bat four or five times an over. His figures of four for 95 did him scant justice, but that was down to Chanderpaul, who, if only temporarily, banished the submissive mood that afflicted his team for most of

Courtney Walsh, the captain, finds it hard to raise a cogent defence. "We haven't played to our standard and yesterday, in the field, we didn't look a professional unit," he said. "People will say it looked like a look of commit it looked like a lack of commitment. I think it could be a lack of concentration. The guys are disappointed, but I don't think the spirit is down."

Walsh did not think it was his responsibility to comment upon the umpiring in the series so far, but there is no doubt his team feel aggrieved, both by the disparity in the leg-before decisions, 9-1 in favour of Australia, and by the dismissal of Brian Lara yesterday.

Lara came to the wicket in



Warner restored pride

Spines (6-2 nb 1)

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-33, 2-33, 3-35, 4-152, 5-157, 5-176, 7-176, 8-176, 9-183,

BOWLING: McGrath 17-7-38-3; Waugit 4-0-15-0; Gillespile 7-2-27-0; Warne 27-4-8-95-4; Bevan 14-2-40-2.

Man of the metch: G D McGrath.

the third over of the day when David Shepherd, the English umpire, awarded the ninth of those leg-befores against Sherwin Campbell. Without addition, Warne bemused and bowled Roberts Samuels with a quicker ball, but there was hardly time to contemplate Lara's reaction to such responsibility before he was out. The first thing to be said is that it was a poor piece of batting. It was a short ball and Lara went for the hook before trying to withdraw the bat. The ball clipped the toe-end

De Bruyn, the Oxford captain, and Bramley, right, of Cambridge, get their hands on the Bowring Bowl yesterday

Oxford leave their Blues behind

BY DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

OXFORD University, whose term has been overshadowed by the death of Ian Tucker, the Australian centre, have chosen to omit three Blues in residence when they play Cambridge University for the Bowring Bowl at Twickenham next Tuesday. The trio in-cludes one of their three available internationals, Karl Svoboda, who has suffered from a persistent groin injury this season.

Svoboda, the Canadian hooker, has made only a handful of appearances in the past three weeks, not enough to displace Nick Hockley, a fourth-year student who was born in Cambridge. He is joined among the also-rans by Jérôme Riondet, the centre who last year became the first Frenchman to appear in the annual fixture, and Mike Butler: the scrum half, who gives way to Niall Hogan, the Ireland international.

Thus Oxford will go into the match, the 21st under the sponsorship of the Bowring Group, with only three old Blues, in stark contrast to Cambridge, who will field

eight. That is continuity on a remarkable scale for the Var-sity Match and will be sufficient to push the Light Blues winners last year after the award of the first penalty try the fixture has known - into an unwanted position as

Indeed, a month ago, Cambridge could hardly conceive a situation in which so many experienced players would be available, since they were enduring an unparalleled run of injuries. They included Nick Holgate, who has recovered from a mugging in the city centre to take his place at tight-head prop, and Nick

Walne, who had to withdraw from last year's meeting with Oxford on the morning of the match and whose appearances this term have been limited. "No pall should hang over

the occasion because of lan Tucker's death," Hady Wakefield, the new chairman of Bowring, said yesterday at the team announcement. "I am sure it is not what he would have wished." Nonetheless, there will be a minute's silence as a tribute to the young Australian centre, who died after a collision during Oxford's game with Saracens in October; four former students

UNIVERSITY MATCH TEAMS Aelfaireth (Braditord CS and Pererincuse),

"B Ryam "Wimblestom College and Homerton); G Reynolds (Cheshunt and Homerton); T Murphy (SI Joseph's College, Nudgee and St Edmand's), "M Holgate (Armithorpe CS and Robinson), "M Hydee (SI Ignatus College, Sydney and St Edmand's), "A Brannley (DEGS Waltefleid and SI Edmand's, captan), A Craig (Taurange Boys College, NZ and Hughes Hail), J Griffiths (Crossley Heath, Helifax and St Edmand's), "R Earnelnaw (Yarm and SI John s).

from St Ignatius College in Sydney, Tucker's school, will play in the game - two from each university - and will keep his memory bright. No Oxford player will wear

the No 12 shirt - Tucker's number - but there is little doubt that their centre combination of Quentin de Bruyn, from Cape Town, and Trevor Walsh, from Brisbane, will test a potentially dangerous Cambridge midfield orches-trated for the second year by Rob Ashforth. De Bruyn, who has struggled himself with a knee injury this term. has acknowledged how much of a common bond has developed between the team members in the dark days since Tucker's

The Rugby Football Union (RFU) expects a crowd of about 70,000 - only 5,000 short of the Twickenham capacity - which is testimony to the enduring affection the British have for the fixture That feeling may well have been strengthened this season by the disharmony created by the introduction of the professional game and the dispute still not entirely settled -between the RFU and the leading English clubs.

IN BRIEF

Robertson hits back to defeat holder

GRAHAM ROBERTSON, who won the CIS (Insurance) Scottish Masters bowls championship in 1992 and 1993, fought back to beat the holder, John Price, in the quarter-finals of this year's nournament at Coatbridge yesterday (David Rhys Jones writes).

Robertson dropped a full house of four shots on the first end and lost the first set, but did not give Price a look-in thereafter, scoring 14 shots to the Welshman's one to win 3-7.

7-0, 7-1. In the semi-finals today, Robertson will face a strong challenge from Andy Thom-son, twice the world indoor singles champion, who beat an out-of-sorts Richard Corsic 7-1, 6-7, 7-2

Lehman's award

Golf: Tom Lehman has been voted player of the year by the Golf Writers' Association of America. Laura Davies was voted female player of the year. Colin Montgomerie has been named the winner of the Canon shot of the year award for his second shot to the final hole of the Dubai Desert Classic in March.

Antield date

Rugby league: St Helens, the Stones Super League champions, are to switch their home game against Castleford Tigers, on April 27 next year, to Anfield. It will be only the third rugby league match to be staged at the home of Liver-pool Football Club after the Charity Shield, in 1989, and the World Club Challenge match between Wigan and Penrith, of Australia, in 1991.

Britain lose

Tennis: Great Britain lost 2-1 to Sweden in the champions' division of the European men's team championship in Reggio Calabria, Italy, yester-day. Andrew Richardson, of Lincolnshire, was Britain's sole winner, beating Frederik Jonsson 7-5, 6-4.

Scottish double

yesterday continued their progress towards the quarterfinals of the European championships in Copenhagen tomorrow. The men's team beat a strong Germany side 7-3 while the women overcame Finland 7-4.

England A denied after gallant chase

FROM A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT IN CANBERRA

ENGLAND A's determ- days we've had on the tour so ination to continue their winning run took them within six runs of an implausible victory over Australian Capital Territory on the final, frustrating day of their match here.

Requiring a daunting 129 off 15 overs to win, England A. narrowty failed to reach their goal. ACT resumed on 140 for four, needing a further 52 runs to avoid an innings defeat, and surprised the touring team by batting for 76 overs on a pitch that looked like a minefield but instead played like a

It left England A facing afrantic run chase and, despite losing Adam Hollioake and Craig White within the opening four overs, they came close to reaching their target. After a positive start from Butcher, Shah and Vaughan kept England in contention and then Hegg took up the chase. However, with six required off the last ball, the Lancashire wicketkeeper swung and missed.

"We came here thinking we had a very good chance of victory, but the ACT played very well and the pitch, which we thought would deteriorate, held up." Hollioake, the England A captain, said. "It was probably one of the hardest

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Second Innings

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far. We always knew it was going to be difficult and we tried to get our faster scorers in at the beginning. It was one of those days when we hit the ball in the air we found a fielder. Maybe we were punished for not taking enough risks with the ball."

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY: First Innings 216 (P.J. Solvey 55; P.M. Such 5 for 20].

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-106, 2-111, 3-138, 4-140, 5-167, 8-209, 7-251, 8-270, 9-319.

4-140, 5-187, 8-208, 7-251, 8-270, 8-

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-12, 2-28, 3-56, 4-55, 5-84. BOWLING: Thornton 5-0-52-1; Smith 7-6-

Umpires: B Thornton and J Hammford. .

Umpires: D B Heir (Australia) and D R Shechard (Encland). is doing just that. Lawrence considers comeback

> DAVID LAWRENCE, the former England bowier, could make a return to firstclass cricket next year, three years after he was forced to retire with a knee injury.

and Ian Healy, phonging low, claimed the catch. After

conferring to check the ball

had carried, umpire Shepherd

Television replays were in-

conclusive, showing only that

Healy had his eyes averted

and might not have known.

But there is a history of

controversy between Healy and the West Indians, who,

despite Walsh's studied diplo-

macy, plainly felt Lara should

have received the benefit of

surprised if West Indies had

capitulated now and they might have done if McGrath had held a routine return

catch when Chanderpaul had

made six, or if one of Hooper's

initial, airborne forays against

Yet the batting quickly gained in conviction. Warne

was withdrawn after conced-

ing 37 in four overs and

Chanderpaul, using his feet

thrillingly, sprinted to 50 from only 38 balls. However, once the prodigious spin of Warne cut him short; the passion and uncertainty drained rapidly

Jimmy Adams slapped a

catch to mid-off and Hooper,

who had retreated defensively

once his partner went, fell to

an extraordinary catch off

Michael Bevan, deflected by

Healy and dropped by Taylor.

who, lying flat on his back, calmly flicked up the rebound

with his feet and caught it.

resolutely than usual and Aus-

tralia won with plenty to spare.

Taylor remained cautious.

people and good cricketers," he said. "We are not writing them

off." He may find, however,

that the majority of his country

The West Indians are proud

from the day.

Warne had gone to hand,

No one would have been

gave Lara out.

any doubt.

Lawrence, 32, split his knee-cap in the final Test match of England's tour of New Zea-land in February 1992 and, after surgery to rebuild the knee, appeared to have lost the hattle to play again. However, Lawrence, who has already had preliminary talks with his former county. Glovcestershire, about a return, said vesterday: "The knee has got stronger and I'm hoping to be fully lit for the first pre-season

game in April."

Tom Moody and Stuart Law have been recalled by Australia for the opening two matches of the world series tournament against West In-dies and Pakistan this weekend. They will replace Michael Kasprowicz and Matthew Elliott from the team that beat West Indies in

the second Test in Sydney. Herschelle Gibbs scored an unbeaten 200 as the South Africans made 384 for five on the first day of a three-day game against India A in Nag-pur yesterday. Gibbs, who hit four sixes and 28 fours, put on 215 for the fifth wicket with Derek Crookes, who made 76.

TODAY'S FIXTURES FOOTBALL European Cup Champions' League

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Borussia Dortmund v Steaua Buchares (at Weststeinstedon)

Group D AC Milan v Rosenborg (at Giuseppe Meazza Stadium) FK Gothenburg v FC Porto (at Gamia Ulien Stadium)

FA Carling Premisrahip Arsenal v Southampton (7.45) . West Ham v Aston Villa (7.45) . Nationwide League

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(6.45): Barmsley v Bradford City (7 0)
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cross, N Hogen (Tetenure College, Dublin and Merton): Distinwell (Marthorough and Merton). N Hoodley (Yong Colward's, Briminghem and Worcester), " D Penney (Mount Pearl Senior HS and Woltron), " M Onster (King's, Carterbury and Christ Church), T Eisenheuser (St Ignatius College, Serior

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEA GUE: Cup: Second round: Wisbech v UNIJET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First

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RUGBY UNION Tour matches

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OTHER SPORT BASKETBALL: European Cup: London Towers v Podgorica (Yug) (8.0). SAILING

Gales provide challenge for race crews

THE BT Global Challenge crews got their first taste of the Southern Ocean yesterday as the leading yachts rounded Cape Horn in classic conditions, with a westerly gale blowing at around 40 knots with gusts of up to 70 knots (Edward Gorman writes). In the distance, some crews saw the snow-capped peaks of Tierra del Fuego as they crashed by, with waves breaking along the full length of the

decks on the 67ft steel cutters. First round yachting's most feared landmark was Save The Children, skippered by Andy Hindley. He reported rounding the Cape at 7am yesterday, having held off the challenge of Global Teamwork, skippered by Merfyn Owen, who led the race until hunchtime on Monday and was only a couple of miles

astern yesterday.

The fleet has divided into two clear groups. The leading six yachts all chose to sail through the Le Maire Strait, which divides Tierra del Fuego from Staten Island. The second group, led by Nuclear Electric, opted to leave Staten Island to starboard and are now about 80 miles east of the leading bunch.

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MOTOR RACING

Mansell in contract talks with Jordan

BY OLIVER HOLT

THE prospect of Nigel Mansell returning to Formula One next season at the age of 43 moved a step closer last night when it emerged that he will meet Eddie Jordan, the Jordan team owner, today to try to thrash out the details of a contract. Jordan contacted Mansell

soon after they were beaten by Tom Walkinshaw and TWR Arrows in the race for Damon Hill two months ago and asked if he would be interested in making a return to the sport in which he won the world championship in 1992 with Williams.

Mansell is thought to have replied to their overtures last Thursday and although Jordan were at pains yesterday to emphasise that today's discussions are "preliminary", they represent the clearest indication so far that the Englishman is ready to return to Formula One after an absence of nearly two seasons.

Jordan, who are also negotiating with Martin Brundle over the second seat in the team, alongside Ralf Schumacher, the younger brother of Michael, are keen to sign a big name for what will be the

most important season in their short grand prix history. Their exclusive engine deal with Peugeot ends at the end of next year and Williams and Benetton may try to snatch those engines away from them. Jordan are also keen to impress their main sponsors, Benson and Hedges, who were dismayed when they

were unsuccessful in the race

Mansell must first decide whether he is comfortable with the idea of racing for a team that is unlikely to win any races next season, although it has a good chance of finishing consistently on the podium. If he decides he is willing to return under those conditions, then his salary will be the only stumbling block. It is thought that together. Jordan and Benson and Hedges may be able to offer Mansell about £5 million to make a comeback.

Ligier, the French Formula One team, yesterday named Shinji Nakano, of Japan, to drive alongside Olivier Panis next year. Nakano, 25, has spent the past two months testing the car at Suzuka. Barcelona and Castellet.



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first is to be aggressive: innovative, creative, challenging. "When you find a variation from the normal - this will be useful to you in later life - always meet him in an abnormal way." Words of the headmaster in that essential Kipling work Stalky & Co.

second method is to retreat. When in doubt, rely on the familiar: fall back on the tried and tested. And that is the thinking, if it can be so called, behind the strategy, if by such a term it can be dignified, of the England cricket team in Zimbabwe.

The ploy of playing Alec Stewart as wicketkeeper has been tried and tested all right. It has been tried on 17 occasions, tested and found

Here is a great idea, chaps. Let us get the best forcing-bat we have — perhaps the best potential match-winner (as opposed to match-saver) we have in the biffing department. And let us make him play with one hand behind his back.

English cricket need not really be in the business of giving the opposition a chance hese days, but England have neutralised Stewart once

IT IS amazing what a differ-

ence a couple of weeks can

make to a sportsman. When

Tim Henman thought that he had brought his season to a

close, a fortnight ago, he

looked drained by a hard year

on the road; however, sitting

at home without a care in the

world - and not a tennis

racket in sight — he recharged the batteries sufficiently to

beat Michael Stich 6-3, 6-3

yesterday in the first round of the Compaq Grand Slam Cup.

It was Henman's first win

on the international circuit in

British national champion-

ship in Telford is not quite the

same thing - and certainly

tory took little more than an

hour and earned him at least

"Don't get me wrong, I'd

rather have the money than

not," he said, "but I don't think

the way I played today was

because I was focused on the

money. I've always said tennis

is more my hobby than my

occupation." Nevertheless, his

bank manager will be pleased.

Stich had been hoping to use the week in Munich as the

starting point for the new

season. Five weeks off with a

recurrence of an old shoulder

\$262,500 (about £155,000).

profitable. The vic-

SIMON BARNES



Midweek View

again by forcing him to keep wicket and, incidentally, they have dropped the regular wicketkeeper, Jack Russell, who is the second-best match-

saving batsman in the squad. Whether this is a defensive or an aggressive move, it does not add up. Talking of adding up, take a glance at these stats. They spell out the obvious fact that Russell is a better wicketkeeper-batsman than Stewart. In fact, Russell has three times wicketkeeping Stewart's high-

TENNIS

Henman quick to

cash in on Stich's

search for fitness

FROM ALIX RAMSAY IN MUNICH

what state his game was in as

he thought about his prepara-

tions for the Australian Open in January. Unfortunately for

him, the answer was not what

er on Monday, since he won in Telford two weeks ago. His service, the new-found weap-

on this year, was not at its

best, but at least he got plenty

Henman did not look rusty, despite having only 90 min-utes practice, with Jim Couri-

he wanted to hear.

he looked happy.

Yet look at the numbers for the ungauntleted Stewart and, from beneath the lake of gauntleted competence arises. like Excalibur, a Test batsman of the highest class. Shall we play a batsman who averages in the twenties? Or one who averages all but 50?

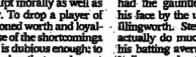
Eureka! Let's play the one with the average of 26 and drop the man who makes 50 as well as the man who makes 29. The move of dropping Russell is normally and rightly seen as unfair to Russell. It is also profoundly unfair to Stewart. Once again, the loyal and

the willing get it in the neck. Be temperamental, a prima donne, a loudmouth, an awkward cuss and they will bend over backwards to please you. Dare to be decent and you get hammered. One need look no further than the Test career of the brilliant Derek Randall. who sacrificed the best years of his batting life to be a makeshift opener, because no one else would do it. Randall would do anything for Eng-

fool. Had he been a prima donna - or had England a pair of decent openers - he might not have been one of the great characters. Just one of the great players.

It seems that the incluctable fact of journalistic life, known darkly among us as Glanville's First Law of Fleet Street, as formulated by the eponymous football writer of this parish, holds true in worlds other than our own. This law, as previously quoted and bowdlerised in this space, reads as follows: loyalty is what they shaft you with.

But it takes people with the talent of England selectors to shaft two loyal people with the same move. The entire notion is bankrupt morally as well as tactically. To drop a player of unquestioned worth and loyalty because of the shortcomines of others is dubious enough; to go for a ploy that weakens a weak team still further is simple idiocy. All right, it worked once,



after a fashion, when Stewart had the gauntlets shoved in his face by the unilateral Ray Illingworth. Stewart did not actually do much to improve his batting average, but West Indies were beaten. It was all down to Dominic Cork and his

seven-wicket burst.

And it might work again as. a one-off - but it is a ploy of desperation and to use it as the first tactic in a three-match series is to take leave of common sense. It makes two senior players profoundly miserable as they begin a long tour and, though they will both, as decent chaps, do their best to rise above it, the affair shows younger players the true nature of your reward for a career of unquestioning lovalty. You get shafted: not once. but again and again.

They keep changing the selectors and every time we heave a sigh of relief. And nothing changes. Perhaps it is an impossible job, but surely these things become a mite easier if you try to avoid, rather than repeat, the errors

There is a kind of boss, and we have all worked for him. who is interested in power but only in bite sized portions. There is no grand design, no ambition of world conquest. Instead, there is the daily compensation of piddling little victories. These are not won by doing his job well: they are simply a matter of quietly but effectively messing people about. The more loyal, the more vulnerable his victims.

There is no tactic, no plan. It is a matter of seeming to do, rather than actually doing the job. It is the way an England selector uses power, or a school prefect. A class of person whom Stalky rightly despised.

Going mad in a reel world

jefining 1

Except for Trevor Num's screen version of Twelfth Night and a jolly-sounding Indian musical, this global diary of film-making kaleidoscopically reflects a world gone, or going mad. Pretty blonde girl becomes black-skinned monster and is rocketed to the ceiling by girl becomes black-skinned monster and is rocketed to the ceiling by a blast of pink smoke; a chorus of skeletons wearing red shoes sends a woman film director into a "high, compulsive obsessive mode"; some woman film director into a "high, compulsive obsessive mode"; some woman film director into a "high, compulsive obsessive mode"; some woman film director into a "holywood version of Romeo and Julier featuring monsters, decapitations and "de-Capuletations" is made by an American whose body was entered by Shakespeare—"but I won't tell you through which ordice"—when he visited

Sensational Women. Radio 4 (FM); 10.00am.

There's nothing sensational about the Victorian novelist Margaret Oilphant; unless it's her output. She wrote 98 novels, outdoing even Trolloge; and for 50 years without a break apparently reviewed books for that esteemed publication, Blackwood's Magazine. "What makes you think Superwoman was a 20th-century concept?" asks Sarah Demont about the president who a wall as how the state of midnight. Dimant about the writer who, as well as burning barrels of midnight oil, supported a huge household. She was not driven by burning ambition. Touchingly, she wrote: "It was necessary for me to work for my children. When I have said that, I have said all that is in me to

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WORD WATCHING

Answers from page 44 SUINE

(a) A fatty substance made from pig's lard, used as a butter-substitute. From the Latin sús, súis a pig. Chicago Times, 4 June, 1881: "No person shall mix suine with any butter or cheese."

(b) To spangle; to ornament as with spangles. From the Old Norse spengia to stud. "Queene Junoe's Bird, Whose traine is spangd with Argus hundred eies." SWALLET

(c) A gold com of the Roman empire, originally worth about 25 denaril. A solid sc. nummus.

desperation and the occasion-al shrug of the shoulders as Henman skipped neatly into "He's very talented and plays very well," Stich said. "Tim played very fast, he gave me a hard time. I never had the time to play the balls I wanted; I was always half a step behind." Not that Stich was too worried by the defeat. Collecting \$100,000 for what was

of practice with the action. Unable to land a first service essentially a fitness test can with any regularity, he needed cheer up even the glummest of As to how far Henman can one; but the remainder of his game looked good enough. He go, Stich said: "Potentially, I nailed Stich's service with a think he's one of those that series of backhands, his forecould really go far, but there is

never any guarantee. It takes a lot of luck. I don't know how hand worked smoothly and, when he approached the net, he's going to handle the pub-Stich, too, was not his usual, licity - he's the only one who grumbling self as the match can answer that." Herman's next opponent started to slip away from him. will be Malivai Washington. who eased past Richard Krajicek, 6-1, 6-2, in a repeat of the Wimbledon final in July. Still hampered by the sore shoulder, he had not decided

by Monday night whether he should play at all. "If you really want to know where you With Krajicek less than fit are, you have to play such a he needs surgery on his knee - there were few fireworks as match to see what you can do," Washington moved efficiently into the quarter-finals. Boris Normally, when things start Becker, too, had little trouble. to go wrong, Stich is prone to blame the world and his wife as he brushed aside Jason injury had left him wondering for his woes, but yesterday Stoltenberg, 6-3, 6-2.



Henman whips a forehand return back at Stich during their match in Munich vesterday

(c) An underground stream of water such as breaks in upon miners at work. Also (in full, swallet hole), the opening through which a stream disappears underground. Obscure formation on swallow the verb, ?after gullet.

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11.30 Trust (FM), by Wendy Loe
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Defining moments in documentary-making

Reporting has been defined as long periods of inertia broken by frantic bursts of activity and I imagine that documentary-making is much the same. Miles, sorry, kilometres of videotape silently meander between sprockets in complex Japanese machines, recording the uniformly mundane and the occasionally startling.

Camera operators wearing allweather gear and a sceptical expression stand beside bleak Yorkshire roads in the dark and hope that a half-visible vehicle will do something interesting. Or, on a golf course, the sound recordist hangs his great furry mike over a man known for his circumspection and prays for a statement fit to twitch an ear.

Sometimes, glory be, these exceptional events actually occur. The camera operator, the sound man, the interviewer, the producer and that rather attractive girl

wearing a clipboard dance a small mentioned golf course, leaking a jig and repair to the nearest bar, where they rehearse, over Pernod and lager, the story on which they will dine out for months.

· It happened last night. It happened twice last night, and in the same programme. As the camera operator very likely put it: "I'm standing there freezing, I'm trying to make a top-secret four-wheel drive look interesting in the pitch black, when the thing stops right in front of me. The motor's spring a leak. All of a sudden I'm filming two top execs from Rover carrying water from a stream in a plastic bag. You wouldn't believe it."

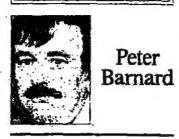
Not unless you had seen it. When Rover Met BMW (BBC2), one of the best documentary series of the year, ended with a couple of moments that made the game worth the candle. There was the hush-hush "compact" Land Rover leaking water and there was the. deposed chief executive, on aforehint of the truth.

Then John Towers was running Rover his golf handicap was 18. Now it is much better. In the programme he nearly holed a 20-footer, encouraged by his wife, who is herself no mean striker of a golf ball. Towers had been noncommittal throughout the series, which charted the takeover of Rover by BMW, but far short of the 19th hole he decided to open up.

You've always got someone to whom you're responsible and this does tend to make someone like me feel that it probably won't be a terribly rewarding or productive existence to be administering that

Well, all right, I never said it was sensational. But by comparison with what had gone before, this was as startling a statement as you could imagine. It was like John REVIEW

Peter



Major being asked if he was for or against monetary union and acrually giving an answer.

And we all knew what Towers meant. He meant his company had been taken over by Germans. He had given it a try, he had welcomed with open arms the chairman of BMW, a man called Bernd, and he had not thrown a tantrum when one of Bernd's cronies became chairman of

longevity of Morecambe and Wise. nor were they half as funny.

So John resigned, went off to run an engineering company and spend more time with his putter. Marriage to BMW had made a lot of sense to John, but you had the feeling he wasn't too sure about the bride's family. A pushy lot. There was much talk about culture, the German culture, the British culture, but you sensed that only one culture was going to impose itself.
Not that Rover, once known as

the ultimate skiving machine, will not benefit from a little Germanic efficiency. What next? Perhaps the British legal profession, as seen on The Verdict (BBC2), could benefit from serious men in serious haircuts. The Verdict is a generally good series but last night it got off to a hopeless start. The subject was barristers, a profession in which there is enough overpayment and

Rover. But you could tell that John and Bernd did not have the hongevity of Morecambe and Wise.

allegations of sloppy work to fill half an hour of anybody's prime time. Unfortunately the programme began with a case of a farmer fighting to keep his land who suffered an enforced change

of barrister at the last moment. The farmer lost in court initially, but won on appeal, and the verdict was that the change of barrister had probably made no differ-ence. The programme had started with a damp squib, but if you bothered to persist there were fireworks to come.

ne man on a wounding charge sat in Shrewsbury jail waiting for a barrister who never materialised: he had called to say he was delayed by traffic but it transpired that he thought Shrewsbury was near Luton (they are 130 miles apart). So defendant did not meet brief before the case. Worse, the barrister arrived in court only as the case was starting. Outcome: a four-year jail sentence for the accused. The barrister was "admonished" for

professional misconduct.

Part of the trouble is that barristers take on too much work, another part is the so-called "warned list" - cases liable to be called at short notice. This means that if a case is called at 24 hours' notice, the barrister who is familiar with it may be "part heard", meaning tied up in another court. Thus the brief is dumped on another barrister, sometimes with predictable results.

The oddest thing is that barris-ters are immune from the very legal process at which they make a living. We cannot sue them. Sir Louis Blom-Cooper said that this was all wrong: "It should be no different from any other profes-sion." He has been saying that for 30 years and it's about time the case was called: how about tomorrow?

BBC1

6.00am BUSINESS BREAKFAST (16094) 7.00 BBC BREAKFAST NEWS (T) (47365) 9.00 BREAKFAST NEWS EXTRA (T)

9.20 STYLE CHALLENGE (4141029) 9.45 KILROY Studio debate (6804278) 10.30 CAN'T COOK, WON'T COOK (16810) 11.00 NEWS (1) and weather (3597162) . 11.05 THE REALLY USEFUL SHOW

11.45 SMILLIE'S PEOPLE (7636146) 12.00 NEWS (T) and weather (6179079) 12.05om POLICE RESCUE (T) (8498926) 12.55 THE WEATHER SHOW (35052297) 1.00 NEWS (T) and weather (40452) 1.30 REGIONAL NEWS (28179968)

1.40 NEIGHBOURS (T) (29948162) 2.00 CALL MY BLUFF (9655) 2.30 A WEEK IN THE COUNTRY (58)

3.00 INCOGNITO (8162) 3.30 ANTS IN YOUR PARTS (5102810) 3,50 Chucklevision (5199346) 4.10 Get Your Own Back (1): (1036384) 4.35 The Queen's Nose (1): (7822297) 5.00 Newsround (1): (5563758) 5.10 Blue Peter

5.35 NEIGHBOURS (r) (T) (116758). 6.00 NEWS (T) and weather (87) 6.30 REGIONAL NEWS (839)

7.00 SMALL TALK Gameshow with Ronnle Corbett (3471) 7.30 HERE AND NOW Sue Lawley and the team present more investigations and items of interest (723)

8.00 HOW DO THEY DO THAT? Earnorm Holmes and Esther McVey reveal how a stuntman performed death-defying car stunts on a top of a skyscraper for a TV

8.50 POINTS OF VIEW presented by Anna

9.30 THE X FILES: Piper Maru Drame serie about two FBI agents who investigate the mystery surrounding a Second World War aircraft discovered deep in the Pacific Ocean. When attempts are made to salvage the plane, it appears that the original pilot is still alive in the wreck With David Duchovny and Gilli Anderson (1/2) (T) (813839)

10.15 HARRY ENFIELD AND CHUMS (r) (T) (269723) WALES: 10.15 Kane's W 10.45 Harry Enfield and Churns 11.15 FILM: The Lonely Guy 12.40am FILM:

10.45 FILM: The Lonely Guy (1984) starring Steve Martin and Charles Grodin. A young man thrown out by his girlinend feels lost and alone in New York City. He is befriended by a lonely soulmate. Directed by Arthur Hiller (9527907)

12.10am FILM: Skin Game (1971) starring James Gamer. Two conmen form a profitable partnership posing as master and slave. Directed by Paul Bogart

1.50 WEATHER (8519679)

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BBC2

6.00am OPEN UNIVERSITY: Discovering 16th-century Strasbourg (7960094) 6.25 Toulouse (7052029) 6.50 Stropshire in the 16th century (8286891) 7.15 See Hear News (2212278) 7.30 Yakky Duck (\$133162) 7.50 ft Never Work (\$144278) 8.15 Fiddley Foodle Bird (\$389365) 8.25 Christopher Crocodile (\$870617) 8.35 The Record (\$270384) 9.00 The Worried

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(2678100) 3.55 News (6144568) 4.00 Today's the Day (452) 4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook (636) 5.00 Oprah Wintrey (4811365) 5.40 Mary Berry (912029) 5.55 Turning Points (737346) 6.00 STAR TREK: THE NEXT GENERATION

6.45 TREV AND SIMON'S TRANSMISSION MPOSSIBLE (812592)

7.00 TESTAMENT BIBLE ANIMATION (I) 7.30 FROM THE EDGE (T) (365)

8.00 TRUST ME, I'M A DOCTOR Dr Phil Hammond reveals how medical opinion is divided over the diagnosis and treatment of prostate cancer (1) (7433)

OPEN RHODES: Up in the Air Gary has breaklast in a hot-air belicon over Wiltshire and visits an organic watercress farm (T) (6568)



Businesaman Kelth Sinclair (9.00pm)

MODERN TIMES: Going for Broke Following Kelth Sinclair's desparate attempts to prevent his business from going bankrupt (T)

ENTERPRISE CULTURE REVISITED First of a threepert series looking at how entrepreneurs have lared since we first sew them

10.30 NEWSNIGHT (T) (280487) A ROOM WITH TWO
VIEWS: Vegetarfamism
Vegetarian Juliet Geliatey confronts
carnivore Bill Weeks (143162) 11.50 PRIDE OF DRESS (n (431549) 12.00 THE MIDNIGHT HOUR (93768)

12.30mm LEARNING ZONE: Open University 1,30 Twelfth Night Workshop 2.00 Belleving: Missionaries/The Africans/The Belleving: Missionaries/The Airicans/The Big Question 4.00 BBC Focus 4.30 niceships 5.00 Health and Safety 5.30 The Adviser

CHOICE

Open Rhodes: Up in the Air BBC2, 8.30pm

Although the hairstyles are dissimilar, gelled spikes versus rug, Gary Rhodes is the Bruce Forsyth of the cookery show. Like Forsyth, he turns on a performance, all the more effective for its apparent spontaneity. Like Forsyth he has his own catchphrase, rolled out to greet each new culinary triumph: "Goodness me, look at that!" We are almost certifier at the strace where Phodes could fell getting to the stage where Rhodes could fill the half-hour with his manic fooling and leave the recipes to Ceefax. He is in the West leave the recipes to Ceefax. He is in the West Country this time, cooking in a tree hut and on a watercress farm and giving a hefty plug for Longleat and its wild animal park. On one cookery sketch the film is actually speeded up. Rhodes goes at such a lick you would not have thought it possible. The dishes, by the way, are chilled tomato soup, blackened chicken and orange souffle.

Modern Times: Going For Broke BBC2, 9.00pm

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You could say that Keith Sinclair has known happier times. He has lost his business, his factory and his home, and his wife has divorced him. It was a very big business, selling horse trailers to the racing world. Chris Goddard's film finds him living in a caravan, trying to fight off bankruptcy. Why Sinclair went bust is not explained but it must have been a big fall. He blames the bank for not supporting him. He is understandably bitter. But it soon emerges that Sinclair is not an easy person to help. He rails not only at banks but solicitors, accountants and anybody who crosses his path. He seems bent on making a hopeless position even worse. An insolvency expert position even worse. An insolvency expert who does his best to advise is pushed beyond the limits of patience. The only surprise is that Sinclair does not round on the camera crew and send them packing.

Enterprise Culture Revisited BBC2, 9.50pm

Viewers with good memories may recall Ken King, the self-made, rough diamond millionaire who bought Avebury Manor in Wilshire with plans to turn it into an Elizabethan theme park. Appalled villagers, with Ludovic Kennedy to the fore, formed a pressure group called Avebury in Danger to make sure such a tacky project never got off the ground. But not everybody in Avebury saw King as an upstart. To some he was a breath of fresh air in a stuffy community. All this was related seven years ago, in a series on heroes of the Thatcherite enterprise culture. The new series returns to these entrepreneurs and discovers what has happened to them since. It is a splendid idea. though not, perhaps, for King, whose fall was speciacular. To say much more would spoil an engrossing tale.

A Room With Two Views: Vegetarianism BBC2, 11.15pm

In the third of the week's head-to-heads, Bill In the third of the week's head-to-heads, Bill Weeks, a beaming Geordie 45 years in agriculture and the food business, debates vegetarianism with Juliet Gellaney, who runs an animal welfare charity. Weeks does not mind telling us he is 69, and while Gellaney does not volunteer her age she is certainly young enough to be his daughter. While Gellaney argues with passion, about the "obscentities" of factory farming and the slaughtering of animals, Weeks counters with charm. He calls her "my dear" and "my love" and "a very sincere young woman" and love" and "a very sincere young woman" and even offers to take her out for a rump steak afterwards. Amazingly, he manages not to make it sound patronising. Whether many viewers will buy his statement that a battery hen unit is "comfortable and humane" may

6.00am GMTV (7127297) 9.25 SUPERMARKET SWEEP (4046526) 9.55 REGIONAL NEWS (2625278) 10.00 THE TIME ... THE PLACE (28742)

10.30 THIS MORNING (6096:617, 12.20pm REGIONAL NEWS (4274443) 12.30 NEWS (T) and weather (9943742) 12.55 SHORTLAND STREET (9929433) 1.25

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3.20 NEWS (1) (7341452) 3.25 REGIONAL NEWS (7340723)

3.30 TOTS TV (8002425) 3.40 The Singing Kettle News (1424346) 3.50 Astrofarm (4402461) 4.05 The Twisted Tales of Felix the Cat (2244094) 4.15 Fantomoat (1020723) 4.40 Matt's Million (1003297) 5.10 WHEEL OF FORTUNE (T) (7507365)

5.40 NEWS (T) and weather (552181) 6.00 HOME AND AWAY (r) (T) (765425) 6.25 HTV NEWS (T) (193988)

6.50 SPORTSWEEK (273723) 7.20 CHAMPIONS LEAGUE LIVE: Rapid Vienna v Manchester Utd United are up against it. Whether they go through in this crucal stage of the Champions League championships dependent and the on the championships depends not only on the result of this game, but on how Turkish team Fenerbahçe perform against



Beverley Callard as Liz (9.30pm)

9.30 CORONATION STREET Liz McDonald meets mystery man Gerry in the Hourglass (T) (40365)

10.00 NEWS (T) and weather (61177) 10.30 REGIONAL NEWS (392891) 10.40 CHILLER: Here Comes the Mirror Man

Gary is a young down-and-out who is driven by Michael, a mysterious friend, to murder an elderly social worker whose "come" was to try to help him. When a case unaware that her predecessor's demise was not accidental, Gary finds himselt tom between her and Michael. With Phyllis Logan, Paul Reynolds and John Simm (T) (300100)

11.40 CHAMPIONS LEAGUE HIGHLIGHTS Rangers v Auterre, Manchester Utd v Rapid Vienna, AC Milan v Rosenborg and FC Porto v Gothenburg (249075)

12.45am REAL STORIES OF THE HIGHWAY PATROL (17292)

1.15 GOD'S GIFT (2627872) 2.20 CYBER CAFE (5255056) 2.45 DEAR NICK (8778650)

3.40 NATIONWIDE FOOTBALL LEAGUE **EXTRA** (r) (5799940) 4.20 SOUND BITES (39784430)

4.30 THE TIME_ THE PLACE (r) (35679) 5.00 The Village Show (r) (80722) 5.30

CENTRAL

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2.20 VANESSA (58212592) 2.50-3.20 OUR HOUSE (3921742) 5.10-5.40 SHORTLAND STREET (7507365)

6.25 CENTRAL NEWS (193988) 6.50-7.20 WHEEL OF FORTUNE (273723) 12.45am BUSHELL ON THE BOX (17292) 2.15 DEAR NICK (8083056)

3.10 IN FOCUS (5375766) 4.05 JOBFINDER (3666679)

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6.00 MERIDIAN TONIGHT (296029) 6.20 PUT IT TO THE TEST (460033) 6.50-7.20 WHEEL OF FORTUNE (273723) 10.40-11.40 MERIDIAN BUSINESS AWARDS (300100)

ANGLIA

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2.20 VANESSA (58212592) 2.50-3.20 HOPE AND GLORIA (3921742) 5.10-5.40 SHORTLAND STREET (7507365)

6.30 ANGLIA NEWS (703549) 6.50-7.20 WHEEL OF FORTUNE (273723)

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CHANNEL 4

5.30am TAKE FIVE (57984) 7.00 THE BIG BREAKFAST (30075) 9.00 HERE'S ONE I MADE EARLIER (10636)

biopic about the life of composer Cole Porter starring Cary Grant, directed by Michael Curtiz (T) (90103875) 11.50 TIME OUT Estonian animation (3923094) 12.00 House To House (23100) 12.30pm

9.30 FILM: Night and Day (1946). Musical

Lift Off (1 (51471) 1.00 Sesame Street (56926) 2.00 Yati. An Indian short (54612538) 2.25 FILM: Let's Live a Little (1948, b/w).

Cornedy starring Hedy Larnarr and Robert Cummings. An advertising man tries to end his involvement with a powerful businessworman. Things go from bed to worse when he meets and falls for a beautiful psychiatrist. Directed by Michael Curtiz (T) (575346)

4.00 FIFTEEN-TO-ONE (T) (520) 4.30 COUNTDOWN: The Search for the Supreme Champion (1) (704) 5.00 RICKI LAKE Women who do not like men

(T) (2671013) 5.45 POND LIFE (T) (833568) 6.00 PARTY OF FIVE (T) (559966) 6.50 FRESH POP (504365) 7.00 CHANNEL 4 NEWS (1) (729549)

7.55 THE SLOT (635094)



Karen Drury as Susannah (8.0pm)

8.00 BROOKSIDE Nat makes a decision that horrities Bel and Offie. Susannah reveals her masternian and what is Jack hiding? With Karen Drury, John Sandford and William Maxwell (T) (5029)

8.30 WANTED Three pairs of runners are pursued by trackers who are advised in trained soldier and a lormer head of the Flying Squad (6/8) (50433)

9,30 FILM: The World's Oldest Living Bridesmaid (1990), Made-for-television romantic comedy about a high-powered male secretary. Starring Donna Mills and Brian Wimmer. Directed by Joseph L. Scanlan (T) (692605)

11.15 RORY BREMNER -- WHO ELSE? (r) (T) (849146)

11.55 WEEKLY PLANET Does the UN still have a valid role to play? (143568) 1.30em INVISIBLE ENEMIES Series on diseases. Looking at how the spread of

around the world (r) (T) (44785) 2.30 SPIRIT OF FREEDOM Bernard-Henri Levy examines how intellectuals have responded to world events. In French with subtilles (r) (9940940)

3.35 FILM: Duet For One (1986) staming Julie Andrews as a concert violinist who is struck down by multiple sclerosis. Directed by Andrei Konchalovsky Ends

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WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 4 1996

Croft comes to rescue after touring team's early collapse

England's new order shows old failing

HARARE (first day of four. England won toss): England have scored 175 for nine wickets against Mashonaland

TWO and a half days' cricket may not be much on which to draw conclusions, but, in the case of an England cricket team, they may well be enough. The indications are that their tour of Zimbabwe is taking on all the unwelcome characteristics of so many previous failed missions, with the important difference that this is Zimbabwe. Raymond Illingworth's remark that "if we cannot beat Zimbabwe, we really are in trouble" may yet

go down as one of his most famous. But we are running ahead of

ourselves. England have yet to meet the full might of Zimba-bwe: before that, they must beat Mashonaland and, on the evidence of the first day's play at Harare Sports Club here esterday, they might struggle

England, fielding their self-proclaimed Test XI, staggered through a day shortened by rain and bad light to 175 for nine, a meagre total would have been considerably scrawnier but for a battling, unbeaten 66 from Robert Croft, who has scarcely put a foot wrong since his first full

Croft batted at No 7 behind the six batsmen in whom England are so firmly pinning their faith but who yesterday only mustered 71 runs between them. Locals say that the key to building big totals here is negotiating the first session of each day's play; that is when there is most life in the pitch and the ball moves most extravagantly. If that can be accomplished, as Croft showed, there are runs to be made, but the specialist batsmen never found out because they failed in the first task so woefully, as scores of seven for three and then, at lunch, 78 for

five suggest. England looked rusty and accident-prone, as two run-outs and two batsmen playing on attempting to with-draw their bats testify. The tone of their sorry day was set by another unexpected failure Atherton, the captain, who arrived here proclaiming his freshness and enthusiasm. Already he is walking around the boundary edge looking like a wilted lily.

On Sunday, he survived two balls; yesterday, three - and each innings was so nearly shorter still as they contained confident appeals for leg-

Yesterday, he had just time to score his first runs of the tour before he was opened up by an outswinger and caught behind off the bowling of James Kirtley, the young Sussex seamer, who had last week.

Atherton was promptly followed in successive overs by Stewart and Hussain, both of whom were slightly unlucky to see balls ricochet off the backs of their upheld bats into the stumps, but there is a



A dejected Atherton takes his leave after being dismissed for two by Kirtley at the Harare Sports Club yesterday

simple way to cut out that saving exercise and one that came to be playing in Zimbadismissal and that is to hit the ball. Knight, at the other end, looked more solid before a difference of opinion over a third run with Thorpe left him stranded in the middle of the

Thorpe and Crawley played carefully and confidently through the next 90 minutes adding 38 and looking good for many more, before Thorpe mistimed a back-foot drive into the covers and the ball leapt into the hands of the diving Houghton, the Mash-onaland captain.

Then another needless runout cost Crawley his wicket, Croft sending him back on the search for a quick single. After Kirdey quickly removed Gough, it became a facethough he was badly missed on 49 off Kirtley

Croft and Kirtley were two Englishmen on show yesterday with something in common and that was their sheer enthusiasm. While Croft has made a favourable impression and kept Russell, his room-mate, amused with his wisecracks, the England team as a whole has already attracted criticism for its unwillingness to socialise and expose itself to an alien but hospitable culture. The consequences of that for their

spells yesterday, bowling straight at a lively pace and swinging the ball consistently. He finished with four wickets approach on the field are all and deserved a fifth, not only too obvious. Croft but Tufnell being Contrast this with how dropped off sitters during a Kirtley, 21 and playing his twelfth first-class match, last-wicket stand that has so

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him play in this game and, when Brandes withdrew

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Pienaar joins Saracens bandwagon By DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

greater shocks in store than in the virtual reality world of Piccadilly's Trocadero, that Francois Pienaar is to join Saracens? That the blond flanker who lifted rugby union's World Cup for South Africa nearly 18 months ago will grace the environs of

It is just one more leap of imagination, which takes structure at Ellis Park, Johan-Cup was won, where his province, Transvaal, have their home, to suburban north London. Yet Michael Lynagh, the world record points-scorer from Australia, and Philippe Sella, the world's most-capped player from France, are there and now Piemaar will join

Only a season ago, Saracens were confined to a public park pitch at Southgate, their first-division future in doubt. Now they have three of the world's most charismatic players on their staff, thanks to the millions that Nigel Wray has poured into them. Pienaar will move to London on December 23 and his first match will be the less than charismatic five days later.

Saracens have been able to take advantage of the fact that, earlier this autumn, André Markgraaff, the new South Africa coach, saw no future in the national side for Pienaar. flanker capped 29 times be-tween 1993 and 1996, each time as captain, left Pienaar, 29, and the rugby supporters of his country summed but also open to the possibility of a new

Aware of his status in South Africa, Pienaar contacted Nelson Mandela, the state president, who wore Pienaar's No 6 shirt at the World Cup final. and received his support. He also cleared the move with Louis Luyt, president of the South African Rugby Football Union (Sarfu), since he still had 18 months of his Sarfu

contract left to run. That contract is now void and Pienaar comes to London until May 1999 for a sum said to be not less than £350,000. The deal was clinched in total secrecy; Saracens players only became aware of their new

recruit yesterday morning.

"It's new, it's very exciting."
Pienaar said. "I can pick up a
lot of experience from world
greats like Lynagh and Sella,
but also I can bring something
fresh in the game. The decision was helped when I met Nigel Wray and we hit it off, and my wife. Nerine, gave me a boost when she told me we should go for it."

Pienaar scorned sugg tions that his move would be seen as "high treason" in South Africa. "Nelson Mandela said he was sorry, but I explained I would be repre-senting South Africa, would try and per-

return to international rigby. though harsh reality suggests that it is unlikely. "I need



Pienaar: high profile

me," Pienaar said. "My appetite for the game has grown since the captaincy

bitious English players such as Tony Diprose, the Saracens captain, and Richard Hill achieve international honours, according to Wray. This its insularity, it will draw youngsters to the sport and put it up where it belongs," the Saracens owner said. David Campese will bid farewell to rugby in Great British when he plays for Australia against the Barbar-ians at Twickenham on Saturday. Campese, who won his 101st and final cap during the 28-19 victory over Wales, is retained as the Wallabies play the final match of their suc-

cessful European tour.

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Barber is asked to Fifa moves to confirm review decision Belfast tie

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

THE World Cup qualifying match between Northern Ire-ARSENAL have sent the land and Albania in Belfast a Football Association a video week on Saturday will go of their 2-1 win at Newcastle United on Saturday and con-firmed they want the referee, ahead after Fifa yesterday decided to allow Albania back into the international foot-balling fold. The sport's world Graham Barber, to review his decision to send off their governing body had suspended Albania indefinitely after captain, Tony Adams. Arsène Wenger, the Arsenal manager, said: "I cannot put the country's sports ministry ordered the suspension of Eduard Dervishi, the national

secretary, and dissolved its executive committee. "We were 99 per cent certain the game would go ahead, but now we have it in writing we can get on with the job of selling tickets." David Bowen, the Irish Football Association secretary, said. "While there was any doubt, the public was always going to hold back.

Football Association's general

Now it's all systems go." The dispute in Albania erupted when Marjeta Pronjari, the sports secretary, censured Dervishi for postponing new executive committee elec tions, a move which apparently breaks the country's civil law. Yet Fifa insisted that it did not recognise the suspensions and still considered Dervishi and the dissolved executive as its only official

contacts in the country. Aleksander Meksi, the Albanian prime minister, sought to mediate and his involvement finally brought a satisfactory conclusion to the matter yesterday. Keith Coo-per, a Fila spokesman, said: Everything is now ready for the game to go-shead."

for Newcastle, but Arsenal contend that their defender was put off by Faustino Asprilla running back from an offside position and letting the ball go between his legs. Wenger said: "Asprilla's position created the whole

only request Barber to recon-

sider his decision, but earlier

this season Paul Danson, the

Leicester referee, admitted he

was wrong to send off Paul Stewart, of Sunderland, for a

second yellow card against Arsenal at Highbury and the

Chris Armstrong and Andy Sinton, of Tottenham Hot-

spur, sustained injuries in the

2-0 defeat by Liverpool on Monday night that could

force them to miss the match.

against Coventry City on \$21-

urday. Darren Anderton, the

England midfield player, is

already ruled out because of

However, Gerry Francis,

the Touenham manager, is

hoping to rush through the

signing of Steffen Iversen, the

Norway Under-21 and

Rosenborg striker, in time for

him to play at Highfield Road Iversen, 20, is due to

arrive at White Hart Lane

tomorrow for a medical ex-

amination that should con-

dude his £2.6 million move.

knee ligament damage.

striker escaped a ban.

problem and Tony had to go around him to make his challenge. After looking close-ly at the film, I now believe it any pressure on the referee because I think he had a should have been an offside difficult decision to make, but decision in our favour." Officially, the FA will now



Adams: faces suspension

I think we will ask him to reconsider the position because it was just one decision in a game that could have damaged our future. We don't want it to punish us twice."

Adams will be suspended for one match, the December 21 fixture at Nottingham Forest, unless Barber changes his mind. The referee ruled that Adams's challenge from behind deliberately denied Alam Shearer a scoring opportunity

Selectors turn again to Graham

AFTER two unsuccessful attempts to resurrect his representative career, George Graham, the Newcastle tighthead prop, has a third oppor-tunity (Mark Souster writes). He was named yesterday in the Scotland Development XV to play Queensland in Perfit

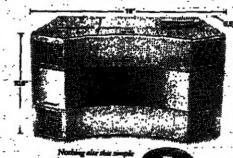
Having won Scotland B honours, Graham found him-self behind David Sole in the and switched to rugby league with Carlisle in 1991. He returned this year to join the burgeoning Scottish contin-gent at Newcastle, for whom his form has been outstanding Injury though prevented him from playing in the A internationals last month against Australia and South Africa.

Graham will play loose-head against Queensland. "I am thrilled to have another chance," he said. "Although normally a loose-head, I moved across because Newcastle have got one of the world's best in Nick Popplewell; but I'll play anywhere for Scotland."

Given the dearth of Scotland-qualified props, Graham hopes that, at 29, he still has time to force himself into international reckoning, which is also the aim of Cameron Mather, the Watsonians flanker who was born in New Zealand of a Scottish grandparent. He signed a full-time contract with the Scottish Rugby Union last week and will captain the Development XV.

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